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1 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

2 FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2001, 11:10 A.M.

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4 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR
5 BEING HERE.

6 I'LL CALL THIS HEARING TO ORDER, AND
7 FOR LEGAL PURPOSES, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET A FEW
8 POINTS DOWN, I ALWAYS START OUT WITH A PREPARED
9 STATEMENT THAT CONTAINS ALL THE KEY INFORMATION WE WANT
10 TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY GETS SO I'M GOING TO READ THAT.

11 BECAUSE I'M GOING TO BE READING IT --
12 I'M GOING TO -- BECAUSE I HAVE AN ACTUAL COPY OF IT THAT
13 I'M GOING TO GIVE TO THE COURT REPORTER, I CAN READ IT
14 RAPIDLY, BUT I'M GOING TO ASK ANYTIME YOU'RE GIVING
15 TESTIMONY THAT IS NOT BEING PROVIDED IN WRITING TO
16 THIS -- TO THE COURT REPORTERS, CAN YOU PLEASE SPEAK
17 SLOWLY SO THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT THEY CAN KEEP UP WITH
18 WHATEVER YOU'RE SAYING? NOW, AGAIN, THIS I'LL READ
19 RAPIDLY.

20 THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS HEARING OF
21 THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, REAPPORTIONMENT AND
22 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. THE CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY IS
23 COMMITTED TO CONDUCTING A FAIR AND OPEN REDISTRICTING
24 PROCESS IN WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ABLE TO HAVE
25 A VOICE AND AN EFFECTIVE ROLE.

1 THIS IS THE EIGHTH IN A SERIES OF
2 HEARINGS THAT WE ARE HOLDING IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS
3 THROUGHOUT THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF GATHERING PUBLIC
4 INPUT INTO THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

5 AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE ALL COUNTED BY THE
6 CENSUS BUREAU EVERY TEN YEARS. REDISTRICTING IS THE
7 PROCESS BY WHICH THE LINES FOR ASSEMBLY, SENATE,
8 CONGRESSIONAL, AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DISTRICTS ARE
9 CHANGED EVERY TEN YEARS AFTER THE DECENNIAL CENSUS.

10 THE 2000 CENSUS OCCURRED IN APRIL 2000,
11 AND WE RECEIVED THE DETAILED RESULTS OF THAT CENSUS AT
12 THE END OF MARCH THIS YEAR. THE CENSUS SHOWS US BOTH
13 THAT CALIFORNIA HAS EXPERIENCED AN OVERALL INCREASE IN
14 POPULATION AND THAT OUR POPULATION HAS SHIFTED.

15 THE MOST BASIC PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES
16 OUR REDISTRICTING IS THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE PERSON, ONE
17 VOTE. WHAT THIS MEANS IS, IN ORDER TO ENSURE EACH
18 INDIVIDUAL'S VOTE CARRIES THE SAME WEIGHT, ALL THE
19 DISTRICTS WE DRAW MUST HAVE THE SAME POPULATION. AFTER
20 THE 2000 CENSUS, BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN CALIFORNIA'S
21 POPULATION, THE IDEAL POPULATION FOR ASSEMBLY AND SENATE
22 DISTRICTS ARE 423,396 AND 846,791 RESPECTIVELY.

23 TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF WHERE THE LINES
24 ARE CURRENTLY, AS WE UNDERTAKE THE PROCESS OF
25 REDISTRICTING, WE HAVE ON DISPLAY IN THE BACK OF THE

1 ROOM MAPS OF THE EXISTING DISTRICTS.

2 AS WE DO THAT, THERE ARE CERTAIN
3 REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FROM THE UNITED STATES
4 CONSTITUTION, THE FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT, AND THE
5 CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL
6 REDISTRICTING PRINCIPLES, THAT WE PAY ATTENTION TO. ONE
7 OF THE KEY FACTORS IS COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST.

8 THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST
9 EMBRACES THE MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF TIES THAT BIND
10 COMMUNITIES TOGETHER. COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST CAN
11 INCLUDE GEOGRAPHICAL TIES, POLITICAL ENTITIES, AND
12 FACTORS SUCH AS SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, THE RURAL OR URBAN
13 CHARACTER OF AN AREA, TRANSPORTATION AND MEDIA
14 INFRASTRUCTURES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND SHARED
15 HISTORIES. THE LIST IS QUITE EXTENSIVE, AND WE LOOK TO
16 YOU TO HELP US IDENTIFY THE RELEVANT COMMUNITIES OF
17 INTEREST WITHIN THIS REGION.

18 PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ALSO HAVE A WEB
19 SITE THAT CONTAINS INFORMATION REGARDING REDISTRICTING
20 AND THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS. THE WEB SITE ADDRESS AND
21 INFORMATION ON HOW TO OFFER COMMENTS, RECEIVE NOTICE OF
22 FUTURE HEARINGS, AND SUBMIT REDISTRICTING PLANS IS
23 AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY.

24 AS I MENTIONED, THIS IS JUST ONE OF A
25 SERIES OF REDISTRICTING HEARINGS THAT THE ASSEMBLY

1 COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, REAPPORTIONMENT AND
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS IS HOLDING AROUND THE STATE.
3 ADDITIONALLY, AFTER PROPOSED PLANS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED
4 TO THE LEGISLATURE, WE PLAN TO HOLD AT LEAST TWO DAYS OF
5 HEARINGS IN SACRAMENTO. THESE HEARINGS WILL BE LINKED
6 BY CABLE TO LOCATIONS AROUND THE STATE TO ALLOW
7 INTERACTIVE HEARINGS.

8 WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION
9 TODAY AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE AS
10 THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS MOVES ALONG.

11 BEFORE WE TAKE TESTIMONY, I WOULD LIKE
12 TO INTRODUCE TO YOU OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OTHER
13 MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, AND LET ME BEGIN WITH -- I'M
14 NOT SURE, BUT WE MIGHT BE IN THE HOME DISTRICT. NOT
15 QUITE? WE'RE IN LOU'S, OKAY. WELL, A VERY CLOSELY
16 ADJOINING ONE.

17 WE'LL START HERE WITH -- WE'LL START
18 HERE WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER KEN MADDOX WHO IS SITTING IN
19 WITH US TODAY.

20 MR. MADDOX: THANK YOU, SIR. IS THIS MIKE ON?
21 OKEYDOKE. THANK YOU, ASSEMBLYMEMBER LONGVILLE. I
22 CERTAINLY APPRECIATE YOU COMING DOWN TO ORANGE COUNTY TO
23 HEAR TESTIMONY.

24 I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SERVING WITH
25 ASSEMBLYMEMBER LONGVILLE IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, AND I

1 MUST SAY THAT HE'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST
2 STATESMANLIKE AND ONE OF THE FAIREST LEGISLATORS THAT I
3 HAVE THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH. SO IT'S A REAL TREAT
4 TO HAVE HIM DOWN HERE IN ORANGE COUNTY.

5 I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO -- ECHO HIS
6 STATEMENTS WITH REGARD TO MAKING SURE THAT WE RESPECT
7 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, BOTH ON A CULTURAL LEVEL BUT
8 ALSO A SOCIOECONOMIC LEVEL. AND I WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT
9 WHEN WE'RE DRAWING THE LINES, WE LOOK AT -- LOOK BEYOND
10 THAT AS WELL INTO THE NEEDS OF THE CITIES IN TRYING TO
11 KEEP THEM WHOLE AND WHAT THEIR ECONOMIC BASE IS LIKE.

12 AND I -- AND I FULLY EXPECT, BASED
13 UPON, YOU KNOW, WHAT I KNOW OF THE CHAIR OF THIS
14 COMMITTEE, THAT THERE WILL BE NO DELIBERATE ACTIONS
15 TAKEN TO DISENFRANCHISE ANY COMMUNITY OF INTEREST, AND
16 I THANK YOU FOR COMING.

17 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
18 ASSEMBLYMEMBER MADDOX. AND I'M GOING TO SKIP OVER STAFF
19 FOR THE MOMENT. I'LL INTRODUCE ALL STAFF, AND GO
20 IMMEDIATELY HERE TO OUR HOST MEMBER, ASSEMBLYMEMBER LOU
21 CORREA.

22 MR. CORREA: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN
23 LONGVILLE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MR. VICE CHAIR,
24 MR. LEONARD -- HELLO, MR. LEONARD, CAN YOU RAISE YOUR
25 HAND? I GUESS NOT, STILL SWOLLEN FROM THAT BASEBALL

1 GAME FROM TWO DAYS AGO -- AND THANK YOUR STAFF FOR
2 COMING TO THIS -- TO ORANGE COUNTY, TO MY DISTRICT,
3 SANTA ANA, FOR THIS MOST IMPORTANT MEASURE.

4 IF I WAS TO MENTION TO YOU WHAT THE
5 MOST IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE WORK WE WILL BE DOING THIS
6 YEAR IN SACRAMENTO, IT WILL BE REDISTRICTING. A LOT OF
7 YOU HERE HELPED TREMENDOUSLY WITH THE CENSUS COUNT.
8 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BUT THIS IS OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE,
9 ONE VOTE PER PERSON REPRESENTATION.

10 MY -- MY COMMENTS WILL BE BRIEF BECAUSE
11 WE'RE HERE TO LEARN FROM YOU, TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR
12 OPINIONS. THIS IS MY HOME AREA. I'VE BEEN HERE FOR
13 ABOUT 35 YEARS. I'VE SEEN THIS AREA CHANGE
14 TREMENDOUSLY.

15 I REMEMBER IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I WAS
16 THE DIVERSITY IN MY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I REMEMBER
17 WHEN -- WHEN MY DAD FIRST GOT A JOB AT A FACTORY IN
18 ANAHEIM, FIRST LATINO THERE, SO APPROPRIATELY HIS
19 NICKNAME WAS PONCHO. IT WORKED OUT WELL.

20 AND YOU LOOK TODAY -- JUST YESTERDAY, I
21 TOOK MY KIDS TO PEARSON PARK TO A POOL, TOOK SOME
22 SWIMMING LESSONS, AND AS I WAS SITTING THERE TALKING TO
23 SOME PEOPLE I'VE MET OVER THE YEARS, I TURNED AROUND,
24 AND I HEARD A FAMILY SPEAKING BEHIND ME IN A LANGUAGE
25 THAT I WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH.

1 ORANGE COUNTY HAS CHANGED TREMENDOUSLY
2 OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS AND ESPECIALLY OVER THE LAST TEN
3 YEARS. LATINOS NOW ACCOUNT FOR 30 PERCENT OF ORANGE
4 COUNTY, ASIANS ABOUT 15 PERCENT, BUT WHAT'S MOST
5 IMPORTANT, AGAIN, THAT THESE LINES BE DRAWN --
6 REDISTRICTING BE DONE IN A WAY THAT PRESERVES OUR
7 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST AND ENSURES OUR REPRESENTATION
8 LOCALLY, AT THE STATE LEVEL, AND AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE AND
10 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING PART IN THIS MOST
11 IMPORTANT PROCESS.

12 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH --
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ASSEMBLYMEMBER CORREA. THE MIKE
14 BUTTON IS LIT WHEN IT'S MUTED AND DIMMED OUT WHEN IT'S
15 LIVE, WHICH IS REVERSE OF NORMAL.

16 OUR NEXT MEMBER OF THE PANEL AND SHE'S
17 A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE AND ANOTHER ORANGE COUNTY
18 COLLEAGUE, ASSEMBLYMEMBER LYNN DAUCHER.

19 MS. DAUCHER: JUST LIKE TO WELCOME YOU ALL HERE
20 TO ORANGE COUNTY, AND LET YOU KNOW THAT ORANGE COUNTY IS
21 WELL REPRESENTED ON THIS COMMITTEE WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER
22 CAMPBELL ALSO ON THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, SO TWO MEMBERS
23 FROM ORANGE COUNTY, SO YOU DO HAVE A GOOD
24 REPRESENTATION.

25 I KNOW I TRIED TO LET ALL MY CITIES

1 KNOW IN MY DISTRICT THAT THIS MEETING WAS COMING. I
2 APPRECIATE EVERYONE THAT'S HERE, AND WE ARE HERE TO
3 LISTEN TO YOU AND TAKE -- TAKE YOUR THOUGHTS AND TRY AND
4 ACT ON THEM. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR COMING.

5 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
6 ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAUCHER.

7 AND SITTING IMMEDIATELY NEXT TO HER, AS
8 SHE ALREADY NOTED, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE,
9 ASSEMBLYMEMBER BILL CAMPBELL.

10 MR. CAMPBELL: THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE,
11 AND THANK YOU FOR ORGANIZING THIS HEARING IN OUR COUNTY.
12 AS YOU KNOW, YOUR PRELIMINARY LIST DIDN'T INCLUDE THE
13 COUNTY.

14 SO WE, AS A DELEGATION, ALL OF US FROM
15 OUR COUNTY ASKED THE CHAIRMAN TO -- TO HOST A HEARING
16 HERE, AND HE CERTAINLY RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF
17 ORANGE COUNTY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN
18 ORANGE COUNTY AND ADDED IT TO THE LIST. AND I'M VERY
19 PLEASED THAT YOU DID THAT AND VERY PLEASED THAT YOUR
20 FOLKS ARE HERE AND ANXIOUS TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO
21 SAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
23 ASSEMBLYMEMBER CAMPBELL.

24 AND IMMEDIATELY TO HIS SIDE, WE ALSO
25 HAVE STAFFER FOR THE MINORITY OPERATION, MR. MATT

1 REXRODE.

2 AND CONTINUING DOWN ON -- ON THE OTHER
3 SIDE, I HAD SKIPPED OVER, IMMEDIATELY NEXT TO ME, THE
4 CHIEF CONSULTANT FOR THE COMMITTEE, MR. WILLIE GUERRERO.
5 AND THEN ON THE END OF THE DAIS, WHO WAS STANDING
6 ALONGSIDE OF THE ROOM EARLIER, BUT I'M GLAD HE'S COME UP
7 AND JOINED US, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FROM THE
8 DISTRICT THAT ADJOINS MINE AND THE DEAN OF THE
9 REPUBLICAN DELEGATION IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY,
10 MR. BILL LEONARD.

11 MR. LEONARD: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND I
12 REPEAT ALL THE THANKS FOR HOSTING THIS HEARING HERE AND
13 LETTING THE PEOPLE OF THE ORANGE COUNTY REGION SPEAK
14 ABOUT WHERE THE NEW LINES FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE
15 CONGRESS, AND THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION SHOULD BE.

16 I JUST WANT TO UNDERSCORE WHAT'S BEEN
17 PREVIOUSLY STATED. WE HAVE THE CENSUS DATA. WE HAVE
18 THE DEMOGRAPHIC DATA. WE HAVE THE POLITICAL DATA.

19 WHAT WE DON'T HAVE FROM THAT
20 INFORMATION IS CLEAR IDENTIFICATION OF COMMUNITIES OF
21 INTEREST, WHETHER IT'S ETHNIC OR FAMILIAL OR WHETHER
22 IT'S OCCUPATIONAL OR INDUSTRY ORIENTED, WHATEVER THE
23 COMMUNITY IS THAT EXISTS.

24 WE FOUND OCCASIONS WHERE EVEN THE
25 SUPREME COURT WAS UNABLE WITH THEIR DATA TO IDENTIFY ALL

1 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN THE LAST DECADE WHEN THEY
2 DREW THE LINES, AND I THINK THAT THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD
3 PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES,
4 AS THEY SPEAK, TO CLEARLY DEFINE COMMUNITIES OF
5 INTEREST AND REALLY APPRECIATE THAT OPPORTUNITY BEING
6 GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC.

7 I WOULD ASK THE COMMITTEE THAT, ONCE
8 THE LINES ARE DRAWN, THAT WE COME BACK AROUND IN SOME
9 REALLY PUBLIC MANNER AND UNVEIL THE MAPS AND ALLOW
10 PEOPLE TO ANALYZE AND PUBLICLY CRITIQUE THOSE MAPS SO
11 THAT WE ALL ARE INFORMED WHEN WE VOTE ON THE
12 REDISTRICTING PLANS. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

13 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
14 ASSEMBLYMEMBER LEONARD.

15 AND WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO ASK -- I --
16 I DO THIS WITH SOME TREPIDATION. I'LL TELL YOU IN A
17 MOMENT WHY, BUT LET ME FIRST ASK, IS THERE ANYONE IN THE
18 ROOM WHO DOES NOT HAVE A CELL PHONE? ANYBODY IN THE
19 ROOM? RAISE YOUR HANDS IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CELL
20 PHONE.

21 MR. LEONARD: DON'T NEED A CELL PHONE.

22 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: IS THERE ANYONE IN THE ROOM
23 WHO DOESN'T HAVE A CELL PHONE AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A
24 CELL PHONE? WONDERFUL.

25 WE WILL -- JUST TO KIND OF MAKE THIS

1 MORE ENTERTAINING AND LESS FORMAL, WE HAVE SORT OF A
2 GAME SHOW KIND OF A THING. WE'LL GIVE AWAY A CELL
3 PHONE, AND -- AND WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE USUALLY WHO ARE
4 WILLING TO DONATE THEM.

5 AND IF YOU WANT TO DONATE A CELL PHONE,
6 REACH INTO YOUR POCKET NOW, EVERYBODY WHO HAS A CELL
7 PHONE, GET IT OUT. IF YOU WANT TO DONATE YOUR CELL
8 PHONE, SET IT SO THAT IT RINGS OR SET IT -- SET IT SO --
9 IDEALLY, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DO IT WELL, SET IT SO IT
10 PLAYS ONE OF THOSE LITTLE TUNES, YOU KNOW, AND THEN THAT
11 WILL TELL EVERYBODY THAT YOU HAVE A CELL PHONE TO
12 DONATE, AND FOLKS WHO WANT A CELL PHONE, YOU CAN JUST GO
13 GRAB IT IF IT -- IF IT GOES OFF. NOW --

14 MR. CORREA: MR. CHAIR, SAME FOR PAGERS.

15 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: AND PAGERS, WE CAN DO THE
16 SAME THING. THANK YOU.

17 LET ME -- LET ME ALERT YOU, LAST WEEK
18 IN SAN BERNARDINO, I DID THIS AND IMMEDIATELY UPON MY
19 CONCLUDING THAT LINE, STATE SENATOR NELL SOTO'S CELL
20 PHONE RANG AS SHE WAS SITTING HERE, AND SHE WOULDN'T
21 GIVE IT UP.

22 SO -- SO I DON'T KNOW THAT I CAN
23 ENFORCE THIS, BUT THAT'S THE THEORY. I WOULD ASK
24 ANYBODY WHO HAS A CELL PHONE, IF YOU CAN PULL IT OUT,
25 CHECK IT, SET IT TO SILENT, OR TO OFF. THANK YOU VERY

1 MUCH.

2 AND WITH THAT, WE'RE READY TO BEGIN OUR
3 FIRST -- FIRST WITNESSES. AND I HAVE -- LET'S SEE.
4 WE'RE EXPECTING PERHAPS STATE -- SECRETARY OF STATE BILL
5 JONES TO BE ARRIVING, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE HE'S ARRIVED
6 AS OF YET, OKAY.

7 SO I'M GOING TO FIRST PUT INTO THE
8 RECORD TESTIMONY FROM -- FROM CONGRESSWOMAN LORETTA
9 SANCHEZ WHO WAS NOT ABLE TO BE HERE BUT SUBMITTED
10 TESTIMONY FOR THE RECORD. AND THEN WE WILL GO TO THE
11 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, MR. ART BROWN, SO THAT
12 HE CAN BE AWARE THAT HE'S COMING UP NEXT.

13 THE LETTER FROM MS. SANCHEZ --
14 CONGRESSWOMAN SANCHEZ SAYS, GOOD MORNING, AND WELCOME TO
15 THE 46TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. I HAVE THE HONOR OF
16 REPRESENTING CLOSE TO 700,000 PEOPLE IN THE UNITED
17 STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHICH IS WHY YOU'RE
18 HERE TODAY.

19 OUR STATE IS GROWING RAPIDLY, EXCUSE
20 ME, AND HERE IN ORANGE COUNTY, WE ARE GROWING VERY
21 RAPIDLY.

22 PARENTHETICALLY, I KNOW WE WILL PROVIDE
23 A COPY OF THIS TO THE COURT REPORTER.

24 AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 46TH
25 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK YOU

1 FOR HOLDING YOUR FINAL FIELD HEARING HERE IN SANTA ANA.
2 I WANT TO ADD A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO YOUR COLLEAGUE,
3 ASSEMBLYMAN LOU CORREA, WHO DOES SUCH AN UNDERSTANDING
4 JOB OF REPRESENTING HIS CONSTITUENTS IN SANTA ANA,
5 ANAHEIM, AND GARDEN GROVE, AND INDEED HIS WORK IN ALL OF
6 ORANGE COUNTY.

7 LOU, DID YOU -- DID YOU ARRANGE FOR
8 THAT? THAT'S PRETTY GOOD THERE.

9 I ALSO WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK THOSE
10 WHO WILL TESTIFY BEFORE YOU TODAY. THANK YOU FOR CARING
11 ENOUGH ABOUT THE PROCESS AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO
12 PARTICIPATE AND LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD.

13 ORANGE COUNTY IS A UNIQUE PLACE IN MANY
14 RESPECTS, BUT IN ADDITION TO BEING A WONDERFUL PLACE TO
15 LIVE, A WONDERFUL PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY, A MAGNET FOR
16 PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, A STILL BURGEONING
17 GROWTH AREA, IT IS UNIQUE IN ANOTHER RESPECT THAT MAY
18 RELATE TO YOUR WORK IN REDISTRICTING.

19 CALIFORNIA'S STATE CONSTITUTIONAL BAN
20 ON THE UNNECESSARY SPLITTING OF CITIES MAY HAVE LESS
21 APPLICATION IN ORANGE COUNTY -- EXCUSE ME -- TO ORANGE
22 COUNTY THAN TO MANY OTHER PARTS OF CALIFORNIA. BECAUSE
23 OF THE UNIQUE CITY INCORPORATION PATTERNS STEMMING FROM
24 THE POPULATION EXPLOSION THAT FOLLOWED WORLD WAR II,
25 MANY OF OUR CITIES TAKE ON RATHER ODD SHAPES. OUR

1 GROWTH AND INCORPORATION EXPLOSION CONTINUES.

2 SINCE THE 2000 CENSUS DEADLINE, FOUR
3 NEW CITIES IN CALIFORNIA HAVE INCORPORATED, AND TWO OF
4 THEM, SANTA MARGARITA AND ALISO VIEJO, ARE IN ORANGE
5 COUNTY. THE POINT IS THAT AVOIDING CITY SPLITS NOW CAN
6 CAUSE CITY SPLITS NEXT WEEK.

7 AS SUCH, SPLITTING CITIES IN THIS
8 REGION SHOULD BE LOOKED AT ON AN AD HOC BASIS IN ORDER
9 TO BEST SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THOSE LIVING IN THOSE
10 COMMUNITIES. I URGE YOU TO PLACE GREAT VALUE ON
11 PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF WHAT I CALL COMMUNITIES OF
12 INTEREST. I THINK YOU WILL HEAR TODAY FROM MANY OF
13 THESE COMMUNITIES. THEY ARE COMMUNITIES THAT DON'T HAVE
14 INCORPORATED LINES PER SE.

15 HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT THEY DESERVE TO
16 BE HEARD, RECOGNIZED -- AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY --
17 GIVEN THE CHANCE TO EXERT THEIR RIGHT TO ELECT
18 INDIVIDUALS TO REPRESENT THEM IN SACRAMENTO AND
19 WASHINGTON. DILUTING THEIR INFLUENCE BY NOT RECOGNIZING
20 THEIR INTEGRITY IS, IN MY VIEW, A MISTAKE.

21 ORANGE COUNTY IS CHANGING, AND I URGE
22 YOU TO CRAFT DISTRICTS AT ALL LEVELS THAT ALLOW A CHANCE
23 FOR THESE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE MORE
24 FULLY IN OUR POLITICAL PROCESS. THIS IS NO MORE TRUE
25 THAN IN CENTRAL ORANGE COUNTY. I URGE THE COMMITTEE TO

1 BE MINDFUL OF THE GROWING LATINO AND ASIAN AMERICAN
2 COMMUNITIES HERE IN OUR AREA.

3 WITHOUT TAKING FURTHER TIME AWAY FROM
4 THE IMPORTANT JOB YOU HAVE TO DO HERE TODAY, LET ME JUST
5 SAY, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF MY CONSTITUENTS, WELCOME TO
6 ORANGE COUNTY.

7 WITH THAT, MAYOR BROWN, WE WELCOME YOU.
8 AND AFTER MAYOR BROWN, WE WILL BE MOVING TO A PANEL.
9 AND, AGAIN, I'LL DOUBLE-CHECK. IF SECRETARY OF STATE
10 JONES ARRIVES, WE WILL PUT HIM -- INSERT HIM WHEREVER --
11 WHEREVER IT IS.

12 WE'LL MOVE TO A PANEL FROM THE
13 COALITION OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS FOR FAIR
14 REDISTRICTING. SO THOSE FOLKS CAN BE GETTING PREPARED.

15 AND, MR. MAYOR, THANK YOU, AND WELCOME.
16 GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

17 MR. BROWN: THANK YOU. MR. CHAIR, HONORABLE
18 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, MY NAME IS ART BROWN, MAYOR OF
19 THE CITY OF BUENA PARK.

20 ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, I
21 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT COMMENTS
22 TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS,
23 REAPPORTIONMENT AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
24 COMMITTEE.

25 THIS CITY RECOGNIZES THAT REDISTRICTING

1 IS A MOST COMPLEX PROCESS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS
2 OUR APPRECIATION TO THE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

3 THE CITY OF BUENA PARK IS LOCATED IN
4 THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF ORANGE COUNTY. IT HAS BEEN
5 FORTUNATE TO BE SERVED BY MANY FINE SENATORS,
6 ASSEMBLYMEMBERS, AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES IN THE LAST
7 DECADE. WE CURRENTLY HAVE THREE ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS,
8 THREE SENATE DISTRICTS, AND TWO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
9 REPRESENTING THE CITY OF BUENA PARK.

10 WORKING WITH LEGISLATORS FROM BOTH
11 PARTIES, THE CITY HAS BEEN ABLE TO FORM EFFECTIVE
12 RELATIONSHIPS THAT SERVED THE COMMUNITY WELL --

13 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: MAYOR BROWN, WILL YOU BE --
14 WILL YOU BE PROVIDING A PRINTED COPY?

15 MR. BROWN: YES.

16 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO
17 MAKE SURE THE COURT REPORTER KNEW, AS I WAS SEEING
18 SPARKS THERE AT HER FINGERS, AND WANTED TO MAKE SURE SHE
19 KNEW IF SHE MISSES A WORD, IT WON'T BE CRUCIAL. THANK
20 YOU.

21 MR. BROWN: I'LL SLOW DOWN.

22 WITHOUT A QUESTION, THE SUCCESS OF THIS
23 IS DUE, IN LARGE PART, TO THE REPRESENTATION BY MEMBERS
24 THAT SERVE THE CITIES IN OUR SAME COUNTY. THE CITIES IN
25 THE NORTH ORANGE COUNTY SHARE VERY SIMILAR INTERESTS,

1 AND BUENA PARK CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SERVE ON MANY COUNTY
2 BOARDS THAT DEAL WITH PUBLIC SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, AND
3 WATER MATTERS -- AND WATER MATTERS TO NAME A FEW.

4 ALTHOUGH THE CITY BORDERS ON THE COUNTY
5 OF LOS ANGELES, WE FEEL THAT WE ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF
6 THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY.

7 THE CITY COUNCIL RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS
8 THAT OUR ENTIRE LIMITS BE CONTAINED IN DISTRICTS THAT
9 ARE COMPLETELY WITHIN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE. THANK YOU
10 FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST.

11 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR
12 BROWN. EXCUSE ME.

13 NEXT WE HAVE REPRESENTING THE COALITION
14 OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING A
15 GROUP WHICH WILL BE HEADED, I BELIEVE, BY PRIYA
16 SRIDHARAN, AND PLEASE -- SRIDHARAN?

17 MS. SRIDHARAN: YES.

18 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: EXCUSE ME. I'M -- I'M
19 EMBARRASSED AT MY TERRIBLE PRONUNCIATION, AND PLEASE
20 PRONOUNCE IT CORRECTLY FOR ME, AND I WOULD ASK ALL
21 WITNESSES, WHEN YOU BEGIN TO TESTIFY, IF YOU COULD
22 INTRODUCE YOURSELF BY ALSO SPELLING YOUR NAME FOR THE
23 COURT REPORTER. THANK YOU.

24 MS. SRIDHARAN: MY NAME IS PRIYA SRIDHARAN, AND
25 I'M WITH THE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL CENTER IN

1 LOS ANGELES, AND WE'RE HERE TODAY WORKING WITH THE
2 COALITION OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS FOR FAIR
3 REDISTRICTING THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

4 THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
5 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE,
6 FOR CONVENING THIS HEARING IN ORANGE COUNTY. I WON'T
7 REHASH THE LONG STORY OF THE WORK WE'VE BEEN DOING THE
8 PAST COUPLE OF YEARS TO BUILD THE STATEWIDE NETWORK AND
9 TO BUILD THE STATEWIDE MAP THAT WE WILL SUBMIT
10 IMMINENTLY.

11 I THINK IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAT YOU
12 HEAR TODAY FROM MEMBERS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY
13 THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH. THE ORGANIZATION -- THE
14 ORANGE COUNTY ALLIANCE -- THE ORANGE COUNTY ASIAN AND
15 PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY ALLIANCE HAS PLAYED A LEAD
16 ROLE IN ORANGE COUNTY IN PULLING TOGETHER MEMBERS OF THE
17 ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN ORANGE COUNTY, INCLUDING
18 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND YOU'LL HEAR FROM MEMBERS TODAY
19 OF OCAPICA AS WELL AS OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE
20 PARTICIPATING.

21 SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADIEU, YOU'LL FIRST
22 HEAR FROM MARY ANNE FOO OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT'S BEEN
23 CONVENING THE GROUP HERE IN ORANGE COUNTY.

24 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: AND IF I MIGHT FOREWARN
25 EVERYONE, WE DO EXPECT SECRETARY OF STATE JONES TO BE

1 ARRIVING SHORTLY. WHEN HE DOES, I'M GOING TO --
2 WHENEVER THE NEXT BREAK OPPORTUNITY IS, I'LL -- WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE -- THAT WE INTERRUPT
4 AND LET SECRETARY OF STATE JONES TESTIFY, AS I KNOW HE'S
5 ON A REAL TIGHT SCHEDULE. AND IF NO ONE OBJECTS, I
6 WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IF WE COULD ACCOMMODATE HIM.

7 SO WITH THAT, PLEASE GO RIGHT AHEAD.

8 MS. FOO: THANK YOU. HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY
9 NAME IS MARY ANNE FOO, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
10 THE ORANGE COUNTY ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY
11 ALLIANCE. WE'RE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION HERE IN ORANGE
12 COUNTY SERVING THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THE PACIFIC
13 ISLANDER POPULATION HERE, AND WE HEARD PREVIOUS
14 TESTIMONY TALK ABOUT THE GROWING ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER
15 COMMUNITY.

16 AND, IN FACT, WE HAVE BEEN GROWING.
17 WE'RE ACTUALLY THE FASTEST GROWING POPULATION IN ORANGE
18 COUNTY. AND WE'RE ACTUALLY THE FOURTH LARGEST ASIAN AND
19 PACIFIC ISLANDER POPULATION IN THE NATION AFTER
20 LOS ANGELES, HONOLULU COUNTY, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, AND
21 THEN ORANGE COUNTY.

22 WE REPRESENT ABOUT 14 PERCENT OF THE
23 COUNTY -- 14 TO 15 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY. WE ALSO HAVE
24 THE LARGEST VIETNAMESE POPULATION OUTSIDE OF VIETNAM,
25 AND SEVERAL OF OUR CITIES ARE -- HAVE A LARGE POPULATION

1 OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS INCLUDING -- OH, SORRY.
2 I'M SPEAKING TOO FAST.

3 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: YEAH. I WOULD NOTE ALSO
4 FOR THE COURT REPORTER, WE DO HAVE THIS TESTIMONY ALSO
5 SUBMITTED IN WRITING.

6 MS. FOO: AND WE ALSO HAVE THE CITY OF LA PALMA
7 WHICH IS ABOUT 45 PERCENT ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
8 WITH THEIR POPULATION. ORANGE COUNTY ALSO HAS THE
9 SECOND LARGEST NUMBER OF ASIAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE
10 UNITED STATES BRINGING IN \$15 BILLION INTO THE COUNTY.

11 TODAY I'M HERE TO TESTIFY ABOUT THE
12 NEED TO UNDERSTAND OUR COMMUNITIES AND TO NOT SPLIT OUR
13 COMMUNITIES INTO DIFFERENT ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS,
14 ESPECIALLY THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITIES. ORANGE
15 COUNTY HAS TWO INCREDIBLY VIBRANT AND DYNAMIC BUSINESS
16 DISTRICTS CALLED LITTLE SAIGON AND KOREATOWN.

17 AND ACCORDING TO THE U.S. CENSUS
18 BUREAU, ORANGE COUNTY HAS ALMOST 45,000 ASIAN-OWNED
19 BUSINESSES, WITH A LARGE MAJORITY OF THESE BUSINESSES
20 BEING IN THESE TWO AREAS, LITTLE SAIGON AND KOREATOWN,
21 AND MANY OF THEM BEING FAMILY-OWNED -- SMALL
22 FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESSES.

23 THESE SMALL BUSINESSES WITH THEIR
24 FAMILIES LIVING IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS HAVE A GREAT
25 MANY NEEDS AND SIMILAR NEEDS, DEMOGRAPHIC AND

1 BACKGROUND, AND CURRENTLY BOTH THESE AREAS ARE SPLIT
2 INTO DIFFERENT ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS.

3 WE ARE PROPOSING -- OR HOPING THAT
4 YOU'D BE COGNIZANT OF KEEPING THEM INTO ONE OR TAKING
5 INTO CONSIDERATION THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
6 COMMUNITY BUSINESS NEEDS. IN TERMS OF SOCIAL SERVICE
7 AND EDUCATION NEEDS, THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
8 COMMUNITY IN THE CENTRAL ORANGE COUNTY AREAS HAVE A
9 DIFFICULT TIME ACCESSING SERVICES SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION
10 TO THEIR JOBS, CHILD CARE SERVICES. LESS THAN 2 PERCENT
11 OF THE CHILD CARE SERVICES IN THIS COUNTY SPEAK IN ASIAN
12 AND PACIFIC ISLANDER LANGUAGE.

13 AND ALSO AMONG OUR SMALL BUSINESS
14 OWNERS, WE HAVE HIGH RATES OF UNINSURED BUSINESS OWNERS,
15 ESPECIALLY AMONG THE KOREAN COMMUNITY WHO HAVE THE
16 HIGHEST RATES OF UNINSURED IN THE NATION.

17 BUT IT'S DIFFICULT FOR GROUPS TO COME
18 TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT THESE NEEDS AS A COHESIVE GROUP
19 WHEN THEY'RE REPRESENTED AND SPLIT UP INTO NUMEROUS
20 DIFFERENT ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS.

21 SO, THEREFORE, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE
22 COMMITTEE TO PLEASE BE COGNIZANT OF THE NEEDS OF OUR
23 COMMUNITIES, TO NOT SEPARATE OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY
24 THE BUSINESS COMMUNITIES, INTO DIFFERENT DISTRICTS.
25 WITH THEIR SIMILAR NEEDS, ASSETS, AND INTEREST, THEY CAN

1 BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN CIVIC ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE TO
2 IMPROVE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND
3 BUSINESSES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5 AND OUR NEXT MEMBER OF THE PANEL.

6 MR. PAK: GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND
7 MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

8 MY NAME IS JOE PAK, AND I'M A MEMBER OF
9 THE ASIAN -- COALITION FOR ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS FOR
10 FAIR REDISTRICTING IN ORANGE COUNTY, A COMMITTEE THAT
11 HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY OCAPICA, ORANGE COUNTY ASIAN AND
12 PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY ALLIANCE. AND AS A --
13 SOMEONE WHO WORKS IN THE COUNTY AND PARTICIPATED IN THE
14 CIVIC LIFE OF THIS AREA, I FOUND IT TO BE MY DUTY TO
15 TESTIFY FOR THIS COMMITTEE AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS
16 REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

17 I WORK AS AN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
18 FOR A MAJOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY. MY INVOLVEMENT
19 IN THE COMMUNITY INCLUDES SERVING AS THE CURRENT VICE
20 PRESIDENT OF THE KOREAN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ORANGE
21 COUNTY AND A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY ASIAN AND
22 PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY ALLIANCE.

23 THE KOREAN AMERICAN FEDERATION IS ALSO
24 A NONPROFIT, NONPARTISAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BASED IN
25 THE HEART OF THE KOREATOWN COMMUNITY OF ORANGE COUNTY.

1 THE FEDERATION'S MISSION IS TO FACILITATE THE KOREAN
2 AMERICAN COMMUNITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CIVIC AND
3 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. IN THESE IMPORTANT ROLES, I
4 VOLUNTEER MY TIME TO BUILD COALITIONS AMONG DIFFERENT
5 COMMUNITIES.

6 SO I AM HERE TODAY, WITH MY COLLEAGUES,
7 TO URGE YOU TO UNITE THE COMMUNITIES OF KOREATOWN AND
8 LITTLE SAIGON INTO ONE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. BOTH
9 COMMUNITIES ARE CURRENTLY DIVIDED INTO MULTIPLE
10 DISTRICTS.

11 LET'S ENFORCE THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT
12 THAT PROHIBITS DENYING PROTECTED MINORITY GROUPS AN
13 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL
14 PROCESS AND ELECT REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR CHOICE.

15 WE AGREE THAT THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT
16 SHOULD BE ENFORCED TO AVOID MINORITY VOTE DILUTION AND
17 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES
18 INTACT AND DON'T DIVIDE THEM UP. WE BELIEVE KOREATOWN
19 AND LITTLE SAIGON ARE COHESIVE COMMUNITIES AND SHOULD BE
20 KEPT TOGETHER IN ONE DISTRICT.

21 KOREATOWN, FOR INSTANCE, HAS BECOME
22 INCREASINGLY VISIBLE IN AN INFLUX OF BUSINESSES AND
23 RESIDENCES. NUMEROUS SHOPPING CENTERS AND CLUSTERS OF
24 KOREAN AMERICAN BUSINESSES ARE APPEARING IN AREAS WHERE
25 THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SIGNIFICANT KOREAN PRESENCE

1 BEFORE.

2 THESE KOREAN AMERICAN BUSINESSES HAVE
3 SIMILAR NEEDS, INTERESTS, AND CONCERNS. MOST ARE
4 FAMILY-OPERATED SMALL BUSINESSES WITH LITTLE EMPLOYEE
5 STAFF. A RECENT STUDY SPONSORED BY MERRILL LYNCH & CO.
6 FOUNDATION IN LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES CLEARLY
7 DESCRIBE THESE SIMILAR NEEDS AND CHARACTERISTICS. THE
8 STUDY'S FINDINGS INCLUDE:

9 90 PERCENT OF KOREAN-OWNED BUSINESSES
10 ARE STRUCTURED AS A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP RATHER THAN A
11 CORPORATION. ALMOST 60 PERCENT HAVE LESS THAN FIVE
12 EMPLOYEES. ALMOST 90 PERCENT OF ALL BUSINESSES ARE IN
13 RETAIL AND SERVICE SECTORS, AND ALMOST 40 PERCENT REPORT
14 THAT ETHNIC CUSTOMERS MAKE UP MORE THAN 75 PERCENT OF
15 THEIR BUSINESS CUSTOMER BASE. AND ALMOST ALL BUSINESS
16 OWNERS SURVEYED ARE FOREIGN-BORN IMMIGRANTS.

17 MANY OF THEM EXPRESSED LANGUAGE
18 BARRIERS TO ACCESSING RESOURCES AND JOINING CIVIC AND
19 COMMERCE ASSOCIATIONS, AS WELL AS ABIDING BY MANY RULES
20 AND REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN THEIR BUSINESSES.

21 THIS STUDY PROVES THAT KOREAN
22 BUSINESSES HAVE SIMILAR CONCERNS AND NEEDS. MANY OF
23 THEM EXPRESSED THE NEEDS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TAX PLANNING,
24 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
25 MARKETING.

1 AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE TESTIMONY OF
2 MY COLLEAGUE, LAN NGUYEN, THE BUSINESSES IN ORANGE
3 COUNTY'S KOREATOWN WILL HAVE VERY SIMILAR
4 CHARACTERISTICS, NEEDS, AND CONCERNS TO THOSE IN LITTLE
5 SAIGON.

6 BESIDES THE SIMILAR SOCIAL NEEDS AND
7 CONCERNS AND BEING IMMIGRANTS TO THIS GREAT NATION, THE
8 COMMERCIAL CENTERS OF THESE TWO COMMUNITIES CLEARLY MAKE
9 THEM ONE DISTINCT AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST
10 THAT IS CURRENTLY DIVIDED INTO MANY SEVERAL ASSEMBLY
11 DISTRICTS.

12 FOR THE REASONS THAT I MENTIONED ABOVE,
13 WE REQUEST THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THE KOREATOWN AND LITTLE
14 SAIGON AS A COHESIVE AND DISTINCT COMMUNITY THAT SHOULD
15 BE HELD INTACT IN ONE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

16 BY HAVING THESE TWO COMMUNITIES SPLIT
17 INTO MANY MULTIPLE ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS, THIS RESULTS IN
18 POLITICAL MARGINALIZATION OF OUR RESIDENTS AND ALSO
19 INTERFERES WITH THEIR ABILITY TO ADVOCATE FOR POLICY
20 ISSUES THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE CONFRONTS.

21 MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE CURRENT
22 FRACTURING OF THESE COMMUNITIES MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT
23 FOR THESE ETHNIC-BASED BUSINESSES TO ADVOCATE FOR THEIR
24 NEEDS AND CONCERNS.

25 I THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR CONDUCTING

1 THESE HEARINGS AND URGE YOU TO CONSIDER OUR INPUT AS YOU
2 PROCEED WITH THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS. THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH.

4 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.
5 WE APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE.

6 AND NEXT WE HAVE MR. LAN NGUYEN.

7 MR. NGUYEN: GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
8 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. MY NAME IS LAN NGUYEN, AND
9 I'M AN ATTORNEY AND ALSO AN ACTIVIST FOR THE VIETNAMESE
10 AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN ORANGE COUNTY.

11 I HAVE A FEW EXTRA COPIES OF MY
12 STATEMENT. I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT IT TO THE MEMBERS OR THE
13 CLERKS. IT CAN BE OF USE.

14 I'D LIKE TO MENTION, I'M ALSO THE
15 COORDINATOR OF THE VIETNAMESE AMERICANS FOR FAIR
16 REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS FORMED SPECIFICALLY
17 TO HANDLE THE REDISTRICTING MATTERS BEFORE THIS
18 COMMITTEE HERE AND ON BEHALF OF THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN
19 COMMUNITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

20 THROUGH THIS REDISTRICTING PROJECT, WE
21 HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE ASIAN PACIFIC
22 AMERICAN LEGAL CENTER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ALSO
23 THE ORANGE COUNTY ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY
24 ALLIANCE, KNOWN AS OCAPICA. AS PART OF THE COALITION
25 FOR THE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING

1 IN ORANGE COUNTY, OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO DEVELOP A SENSIBLE
2 REDISTRICTING PLAN THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL AFFECTED
3 COMMUNITIES.

4 THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY IN ORANGE
5 COUNTY IS THE FASTEST GROWING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY IN
6 ORANGE COUNTY. THIS POPULATION HAS ALMOST DOUBLED SINCE
7 THE LAST CENSUS IN 1990.

8 THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY REPRESENTS
9 ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL ASIAN COMMUNITY -- ASIAN
10 POPULATION OF ABOUT 385,000 IN ORANGE COUNTY. ABOUT
11 TWO-THIRDS OF THE VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS ARE CONCENTRATED
12 WITHIN THE CITIES OF GARDEN GROVE, WESTMINSTER, FOUNTAIN
13 VALLEY, AND SANTA ANA.

14 ORANGE COUNTY IS THE HOME OF THE
15 LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY
16 OUTSIDE OF VIETNAM. WITHIN THE LAST TWO DECADES, THE
17 VIETNAMESE POPULATION HAS FORMED AND SUPPORTED A BOOMING
18 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE LITTLE SAIGON
19 DISTRICT. THIS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT CONSISTS OF PORTIONS
20 OF GARDEN GROVE, SANTA ANA -- WESTMINSTER, AND SANTA
21 ANA.

22 BASED ON THE MERRILL LYNCH & CO.
23 FOUNDATION STUDY IN 2000, OF THE VIETNAMESE-OWNED
24 BUSINESSES IN THIS AREA AMONG THE BUSINESS COMMUNITIES,
25 ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF THEM ARE OWNED BY SOLE PROPRIETORS.

1 ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF THEM HAVE LESS THAN FIVE EMPLOYEES.
2 ABOUT 90 PERCENT ARE IN RETAIL OR SERVICE SECTORS, AND
3 ALMOST ALL OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS ARE FOREIGN BORN.

4 THIS BUSINESS PATTERN IS VERY SIMILAR
5 TO THAT OF THE NEIGHBORING KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY
6 WHICH IS EITHER ADJACENT TO OR OVERLAP WITH PORTIONS OF
7 THE LITTLE SAIGON DISTRICT. MOST OF THE KOREATOWN IS
8 LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE.

9 ON BEHALF OF THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN
10 COMMUNITY IN ORANGE COUNTY, I'M HERE TO ASK THAT THE NEW
11 MAP SHOULD INCLUDE THE LITTLE SAIGON DISTRICT AND THE
12 KOREATOWN WITHIN THE SAME DISTRICT. INCLUDING ALL OF
13 THOSE COMMERCIAL OR GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS IN ONE DISTRICT
14 WOULD PRESERVE A COHESIVE COMMUNITY OF COMMON INTERESTS
15 WHICH AFFECT LARGE PORTIONS OF THE COMMUNITIES WITHIN
16 THE SAME DISTRICT.

17 THESE COMMUNITIES HAVE THE SAME OR
18 SIMILAR CONCERNS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES SUCH AS BUSINESS
19 REGULATIONS, HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
20 PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OR ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

21 KEEPING THOSE COMMUNITIES TOGETHER IN
22 ONE DISTRICT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY HELP THOSE IMPORTANT
23 COMMUNITIES TO SELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO MAKE THEIR
24 VOICE HEARD IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS. THIS IS A
25 SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD ENSURING -- ENSURING THE FULL

1 COMPLIANCE WITH THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT.

2 IN SUMMARY, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT
3 THE COMMITTEE CONSIDER THE INTERESTS OF THE VIETNAMESE
4 AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN ORANGE COUNTY AND THE IMPACT UPON
5 THE LITTLE SAIGON DISTRICT IN THE REDISTRICTING
6 PROCESS.

7 IN THE SAME TOKEN, KEEPING THE KOREAN
8 AMERICAN COMMUNITY OR THE KOREATOWN WITHIN THE SAME
9 DISTRICT WITH THAT OF THE LITTLE SAIGON DISTRICT WOULD
10 ALSO SERVE THE SAME PURPOSE OF PRESERVING THE COMMON
11 COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS.

12 THAT CONCLUDES MY STATEMENT BEFORE THE
13 COMMITTEE. I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE
14 COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

15 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

16 DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO JOIN US TODAY.

18 MR. NGUYEN: THANK YOU.

19 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: WE APPRECIATE IT, AND WE
20 WILL MOVE NEXT THEN TO THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE
21 ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, MR. ALEX SARDAR. AND
22 IMMEDIATELY AFTER MR. SARDAR, WE WILL TAKE THE ORANGE
23 COUNTY CHAPTER PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP, MS. GLORIA
24 BANKS.

25 IF MR. SARDAR IS IN THE AUDIENCE AND

1 IF -- OKAY. IF MR. SARDAR PERHAPS HAS LEFT THE ROOM, WE
2 CAN GO BACK TO HIM.

3 LET ME ASK, IS MS. BANKS PRESENT?

4 MS. BANKS: YES, I AM.

5 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: OKAY. MS. BANKS, WE'LL GO
6 AHEAD AND TAKE YOU, AND THEN WE CAN HAVE -- I'LL
7 DOUBLE-CHECK FOR MR. SARDAR AFTER THAT AGAIN. AND THEN
8 WE'LL ALSO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM WILLIAM C.
9 VELASQUEZ INSTITUTE AND THE MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL AND
10 EDUCATIONAL FUND, ELEAZAR ELIZONDO, WHO WILL BE -- CAN
11 BE KIND OF PREPARING IN THE BATTER'S BOX THERE.

12 WITH THAT, MS. BANKS, THANK YOU, AND
13 YOU HAVE THE MICROPHONE. IF YOU COULD GO AHEAD AND -- I
14 KNOW IT'S A SIMPLE ONE -- BUT, NONETHELESS, SPELL YOUR
15 NAME FOR THE COURT REPORTER.

16 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE
17 REPORTED BY MARGARET A. SMITH.)

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4 MS. BANKS: HELLO THERE, EVERYONE. AND THANK
5 YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU TODAY. MY NAME
6 IS GLORIA BANKS, G-L-O-R-I-A, BANKS, B-A-N-K-S. I AM THE
7 CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE ORANGE
8 COUNTY NAACP. I HAVE LIVED IN ORANGE COUNTY SINCE JUNE OF
9 1979 IN VARIOUS CITIES WITHIN ORANGE COUNTY. I AM
10 EMPLOYED WITH FULLERTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF
11 FULLERTON, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK FOR A CHAPTER OF THE
12 NAACP AND ITS MINORITY COMMUNITIES, BY THAT, ALL OF THESE
13 PEOPLE OF COLOR.

14 WE ASK YOU, WE EMPLOY YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER
15 BEFORE YOU REDISTRICIT ORANGE COUNTY AGAIN THAT THE PEOPLE
16 YOU DO HAVE TO SERVE IN YOUR REDISTRICITING OF THE ORANGE
17 COUNTY IS IT MEANT TO SILENCE THE MINORITY VOICE BY
18 JERIMANDERING US UP AGAIN, OR IS IT REALLY TO BETTER
19 SERVE THE COMMUNITY WHICH YOU WILL BE ELECTED TO SERVE.

20 BY REDISTRICITING, IF YOU'RE GOING TO DIVIDE
21 THE MINORITY VOICE AGAIN SO THAT OUR VOICE WILL BE LESS
22 HEARD, THEN THAT'S A PROBLEM, AND I ASK YOU TO PLEASE
23 CONSIDER THAT.

24 AND IF YOU ARE DOING THIS CLEARLY FOR
25 POLITICAL REASON TO MAKE A FAT POCKET AND SAY LOOK WHAT I

1 DID WHEN I WAS ELECTED AND IGNORING THE PEOPLE YOU ARE
2 THERE TO SERVE, YOU ARE DOING A DISSERVICE.

3 SO, PLEASE, IN YOUR EFFORTS TO REDISTRICT
4 ORANGE COUNTY, PLEASE CONSIDER ALL OF THESE MINORITY
5 VOICES, ALL OF THESE PEOPLE OF COLOR, WHICH IS OF MANY
6 DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND NATIONALITIES.

7 OUR VOICES MUST BE HEARD, AND TO TRY TO
8 DIVIDE US UP WILL BE A TOTAL INJUSTICE AND A VIOLATION OF
9 OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

10 SO I EMPLOY YOU AGAIN PLEASE CAREFULLY
11 CONSIDER THE PROJECT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU AND MAKE SURE IT
12 IS TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY, THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES
13 AND THE PEOPLE AT LARGE. THANK YOU.

14 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
15 MS. BANKS, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE.

16 I'D LIKE TO NOTE OCCASIONALLY DURING -- ONCE
17 DURING EACH HEARING THAT THE LINES CURRENTLY IN EXISTENCE,
18 THE LINES YOU SEE REFLECTED ON THE MAPS IN THE BACK OF THE
19 ROOM WERE ACTUALLY DRAWN BY THE COURTS TEN YEARS AGO.
20 THEY OVERRULED THE LINES WHICH HAVE BEEN DRAWN BY THE
21 LEGISLATURE. I LIKE TO MENTION THAT DURING EACH HEARING,
22 USUALLY RIGHT AFTER SOMEONE HAS MADE SOME RELATIVELY
23 ADVERSE REFERENCE TO THE EXISTING LINES. I HOPE THAT THE
24 COURTS WON'T HOLD THAT AGAINST US.

25 IN ANY EVENT, AT THIS TIME, I'M GOING TO

1 INTERRUPT THE ORDER. AS I HAD INDICATED, WE HAVE JUST
2 BEEN JOINED BY CALIFORNIA'S SECRETARY OF STATE, AND WE'RE
3 HONORED TO HAVE HIM WITH US. AND SECRETARY JONES, WE
4 WELCOME YOUR TESTIMONY.

5 SECRETARY JONES: THANK YOU. THANK YOU,
6 MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS. GOOD TO BE WITH YOU. I
7 APOLOGIZE FOR BEING A FEW MINUTES LATE. THIS IS MY THIRD
8 REAPPORTIONMENT. I'LL BEGIN MY COMMENTS BY SAYING NO ONE
9 SHOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO DO THREE REAPPORTIONMENTS IN THEIR
10 PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER. I THINK IT'S A CALLING FOR YOU TO
11 TAKE THE TIME TO DO THESE HEARINGS, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR
12 EFFORT.

13 THESE COMMENTS THAT I'M GOING TO MAKE ON THIS
14 PUBLIC HEARING ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THIS
15 PROCESS OF DRAWING LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL
16 BOUNDARIES FOR CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE WILL SOON BEGIN, AND
17 TODAY I'M SPEAKING AS, REALLY, SECRETARY OF STATE, CHIEF
18 ELECTIONS OFFICER, AT REALLY IN THE PAST AND CONTINUALLY
19 WORKING TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ELECTION SYSTEM IN
20 CALIFORNIA WORKS FAIRLY AND ALL CANDIDATES ARE AFFORDED
21 FAIR BOUNDARIES TO RUN IN, IN THE YEARS TO COME.

22 I WANT TO BE THE FIRST TO CONGRATULATE THE
23 COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTING A CRITERIA TO BE USED IN DRAWING
24 THESE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. I HAVE SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT
25 THIS CRITERIA AND THE PROCESS, WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED AT

1 THIS PARTICULAR TIME SO THE REAPPORTIONMENT THAT WE DO PUT
2 TOGETHER IS NOT AS DEVISIVE AND BITTER AS SOME OF THE ONES
3 I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS.

4 THERE SHOULD BE THREE PRIMARY GOALS THAT MUST
5 BE PURSUED IN DRAWING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. FIRST, WE MUST
6 ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND THAT REAPPORTIONMENT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO
7 FULL AND FAIR REPRESENTATION. IT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR
8 OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT, AND WE CANNOT ALLOW A NARROW
9 PARTISAN CONCERN TO OVERRULE THE BASIC TRUTH OF THAT
10 STATEMENT.

11 OUR FIRST GOAL MUST BE A REAPPORTIONMENT
12 PROCESS WHICH IS FAIR, AND I'M SURE EVERYONE HERE WOULD
13 AGREE WITH ME. NO BACK ROOM DEALS AND NO CITIZEN GROUP
14 SHOULD BE MARGINALIZED IN THIS PROCESS. EVERYONE SHOULD
15 BE GIVEN FULL ACCESS AND ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.

16 SECOND, THE REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS MUST BE
17 OPEN. THESE HEARINGS ARE A VITAL FIRST STEP, AND, AGAIN,
18 I CONGRATULATE THE CHAIRMAN AND THE COMMITTEE AND THE
19 SPEAKER. BUT THE OPENNESS OF A REDISTRICTING PROCESS MUST
20 CONTINUE RIGHT UP UNTIL THE TIME THE GOVERNOR SIGNS THE
21 FINAL BILL AND THE FINAL MAPS ARE DELIVERED TO THE
22 COUNTIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION. WE CANNOT HAVE MAPS PREPARED
23 AT THE LAST MINUTE. WE MUST HAVE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
24 DRAWN IN FULL PUBLIC VIEW WITH TIME FOR FULL PUBLIC
25 COMMENT.

1 THIRD, WE MUST TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF
2 TECHNOLOGY TO MEET THESE FIRST TWO GOALS. UNLIKE ANY TIME
3 IN THE PAST, WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO DRAW DISTRICT MAPS
4 MINUTE TO MINUTE TODAY. WE CAN TRANSMIT MAPS
5 ELECTRONICALLY IN A FRACTION OF THE SECOND IT TOOK US TEN
6 YEARS AGO TO DO SO. WE CANNOT ALLOW PARTISAN
7 REDISTRICTING TO BE USED IN THE AGE OF COMPUTER. THERE IS
8 REALLY NO EXCUSE. EVERYONE HAS THE INFORMATION. EVERYONE
9 SHOULD HAVE THE INFORMATION, AND OUR GOAL SHOULD BE TO
10 MAKE SURE THAT FULL DISCLOSURE IS THE RULE.

11 I SPONSORED LEGISLATION TO MOVE THE MARCH
12 2002 PRIMARY ELECTION BACK TO JUNE TO GIVE EVERYONE, THE
13 VOTERS, THE LEGISLATORS, THE ELECTION OFFICIALS, TIME TO
14 CARRY OUT A TRULY OPEN, FAIR, AND RESPONSIBLE
15 REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT LEGISLATION
16 FAILED. SO WE MUST MAKE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE USE OF THE
17 SPEEDY TECHNOLOGY TODAY TO MEET OUR DEADLINES FOR THE
18 MARCH PRIMARY.

19 LET ME COMMENT TOO FOR A MOMENT ON THE
20 CHANGING FACE OF CALIFORNIA IN LIGHT OF THE LATEST CENSUS
21 DATA. WE HAVE A UNIQUE STATE IN A NUMBER OF WAYS. OUR
22 STATE GREW BY 4.1 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE NINETIES.

23 CALIFORNIA WILL ADD ONE CONGRESSIONAL SEAT.
24 ONE IN THREE LATINOS THAT LIVE IN AMERICA ARE IN
25 CALIFORNIA AND OUR ASIAN POPULATION HAS INCREASED BY 35

1 PERCENT. THE AFRICAN AMERICANS IN CALIFORNIA REPRESENT
2 ABOUT 6 PERCENT.

3 WE ARE THE FIRST STATE THAT NO ETHNIC GROUP
4 REPRESENTS THE MAJORITY OF OUR CITIZENS, AND WHILE OUR
5 DIVERSITY IS A REAL SOURCE OF STRENGTH, IT ALSO REPRESENTS
6 A CHALLENGE IN THE REAPPORTIONMENT EFFORT.

7 IT IS INEVITABLE AND ESSENTIAL THAT THE
8 DYNAMIC GROWTH IN CALIFORNIA'S ETHNIC POPULATIONS MUST BE
9 REFLECTED IN THE REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING PLANS.
10 WE MUST TAKE EVERYONE INTO ACCOUNT.

11 AND MAKE NO MISTAKE, THIS IS A POWERFUL
12 CHALLENGE. IN LOS ANGELES, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE TEN
13 DEMOCRATIC STATE SENATE DISTRICTS, 20 OVERLAPPING ASSEMBLY
14 DISTRICTS. BY LAW, THESE DISTRICTS MUST CONTAIN EQUAL
15 NUMBERS OF PEOPLE. THE IDEAL DISTRICT SIZE, BASED ON THE
16 CENSUS DATA FOR THE ASSEMBLY, IS 423,396. FOR THE SENATE,
17 846,791. AND FOR CONGRESS, 639,038.

18 IN THE AGGREGATE, THESE LOS ANGELES DISTRICTS
19 ARE SHORT 570,000 PEOPLE. IN FACT, LOS ANGELES MAY LOSE
20 AT LEAST ONE ASSEMBLY SEAT, AND 12 DEMOCRATIC
21 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS ARE SHORT BY 400,000 PEOPLE.

22 THERE MAY BE A TERRIFIC TEMPTATION TO DILUTE
23 THE VOTING STRENGTH OF VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS IN ORDER TO
24 BENEFIT OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS OR PIT ONE PARTY AGAINST
25 ANOTHER. I CALL ON THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO

1 GIVE FULL REPRESENTATION TO OUR LATINO COMMUNITIES IN
2 CONGRESS, SENATE, AND THE ASSEMBLY. I BELIEVE, FOR
3 EXAMPLE, THAT THE LATEST CENSUS DATA WOULD SUPPORT
4 POTENTIALLY TWO NEW LATINO ASSEMBLY SEATS IN LOS ANGELES.

5 BUT WE MUST BE VERY CAREFUL. THE UNITED
6 STATES SUPREME COURT SAID THAT RACE CANNOT BE THE SOLE
7 FACTOR IN DETERMINING DISTRICTS, BUT IT CAN BE CONSIDERED,
8 AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, ALONG WITH OTHER FACTORS, LIKE EQUAL
9 POPULATION, PRESERVING COMMUNITY OF INTEREST, RESPECTING
10 CITY AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES, AND PROTECTING INCUMBENTS.

11 IN THIS REGARD, IT IS VITAL THAT THE
12 OVERSIGHT PROTECTION PROVIDED BY SECTION 5 OF THE VOTING
13 RIGHTS ACT BE CONTINUED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AS
14 SECRETARY OF STATE, MY OFFICE HAS HANDLED THE PRECLEARANCE
15 WORK FOR THE FOUR COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA WHICH ARE COVERED
16 BY THE MANDATE UNDER SECTION 5: KING, MONTEREY, YUBA,
17 AND RESEDA COUNTIES. THIS OVERSIGHT HAS BEEN CRITICAL TO
18 THE CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE LAW, AND I WILL
19 OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO EXEMPT CALIFORNIA FROM THE VOTING
20 RIGHTS PRECLEARANCE MANDATE DURING THIS REDISTRICTING
21 PROCESS.

22 THIS DYNAMIC SITUATION BRINGS ME TO A
23 CRITERIA WHICH I BELIEVE MUST BE USED TO DRAW THE MAPS
24 THAT YOU WILL BE WORKING ON THROUGH THIS PROCESS OF
25 REAPPORTIONMENT. AND THERE ARE SIX OF THOSE ITEMS I WANT

1 TO MENTION TO YOU TODAY.

2 FIRST, THE DISTRICTS SHOULD BE EQUAL IN
3 POPULATION WITH A STRICT EQUALITY IN THE CASE OF
4 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, REASONABLE EQUALITY IN THE CASE
5 OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS. SECOND, THE TERRITORY INCLUDED
6 WITHIN EACH DISTRICT SHOULD BE COMPACT AND CONTIGUOUS.
7 AND INsofar AS PRACTICAL, COUNTIES AND CITIES SHOULD
8 REMAIN INTACT.

9 INsofar AS PRACTICAL, THE INTEGRITY OF THE
10 STATE'S BASIC GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS SHOULD BE PRESERVED, AND
11 THIS IS SOMETHING WE TRIED TO DO TEN YEARS AGO. AND WE
12 TRIED EVEN 20 YEARS AGO. THE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST OF
13 POPULATIONS OF AN AREA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SO THAT ALL
14 CITIZENS OF THE DISTRICTS MAY BE REPRESENTED FAIRLY AND
15 EFFECTIVELY. SENATE DISTRICTS SHOULD BE FORMED BY
16 COMBINING ADJACENT ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS AND ASSEMBLY
17 DISTRICTS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICAL SHOULD BE USED AS THE
18 BASIS FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. AND THIS WAS
19 AN ITEM WE FOUGHT AGGRESSIVELY TEN YEARS AGO, WHICH WAS
20 NOT THE CASE PRIOR TO 1992. THIS IS IMPORTANT, AND I
21 WOULD URGE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THAT POINT.

22 USING THESE CRITERIA, WE CAN DRAW MAPS THAT
23 ARE FAIR, RESPONSIBLE, AND WILL PROMOTE TRUE
24 REPRESENTATION FOR OUR CHANGING STATE DEMOGRAPHICS.

25 THE DRAMATIC EFFECT OF USING THIS CRITERIA

1 AFTER '91 WAS A 350-PERCENT INCREASE IN HISPANIC AND ASIAN
2 ELECTED OFFICIALS. AND I CAN SPEAK TO THE NEED FOR
3 NEUTRAL REDISTRICTING FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. AS YOU
4 WILL RECALL, REAPPORTIONMENT OF 1981 WAS NEITHER FAIR NOR,
5 IN MY OPINION, ACCURATE. THE CONSEQUENCES WERE THAT IN
6 1991, AS A LEGISLATIVE LEADER IN THE ASSEMBLY, I WANTED TO
7 MAKE SURE THAT THOSE MISTAKES WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. I
8 URGED THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT TO APPOINT A SPECIAL
9 MASTERS GROUP IN '91 WHO WERE INDEPENDENT AND LEARNED AND
10 REALLY WERE A NONPARTISAN GROUP. THEY LEARNED A LOT FROM
11 THAT PROCESS. THEY DEVELOPED A CRITERIA I HAVE JUST
12 LISTED, AND RESULTS WERE FAIR AND COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS.

13 I HAVE REPEATEDLY CALLED FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL
14 AMENDMENT TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRAWING
15 LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OUT OF THE
16 LEGISLATURE AND PUT IT IN THE HANDS OF A PERMANENT
17 COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME COURT. I WANT TO
18 COMMENT ON THIS. HAVING SERVED AS A LEGISLATOR, HAVING
19 BEEN A LEADER IN THE HOUSE, THERE IS NO GROUP, NOBODY I
20 HAVE MORE RESPECT FOR THAN THE STATE ASSEMBLY. IT IS MY
21 HOUSE. I CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT WAY, BUT THERE ARE MANY
22 THINGS THE LEGISLATURE DOES WELL. IT'S BEEN MY EXPERIENCE
23 REAPPORTIONMENT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF THOSE, AND
24 THAT'S THE REASON FOR THESE COMMENTS.

25 WE NEED TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A NEUTRAL

1 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION TO DRAW THE DISTRICT LINES IN
2 CALIFORNIA EVERY TEN YEARS AND REMOVE THIS PROBLEM FROM
3 THE LEGISLATURE, IN MY OPINION.

4 LET ME CLOSE BY REPEATING WHAT IS MOST
5 IMPORTANT. THE PROCESS ITSELF MUST BE OPEN. IT MUST BE
6 DONE IN A WAY THAT REALLY TAKES ALL THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY
7 AND ALLOWS YOU TO USE THAT TO SOLVE THE PEOPLE'S PROBLEM.
8 IT MUST GIVE THE PEOPLE ADEQUATE TIME TO COMMENT ON THE
9 MAPS THAT HAVE BEEN DRAWN BY THE LEGISLATURE, AND IT'S
10 ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT FOR VOTERS, CANDIDATES, PUBLIC
11 INTEREST GROUPS, WHETHER IT BE ALL THE DIFFERENT GROUPS,
12 COMMON CAUSE, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, MALDEF, OR WHOMEVER,
13 AND OTHERS, REPUBLICANS, MINORITY PARTIES, REFORM PARTY,
14 ANYONE WHO HAS AN INTEREST, THE FULL AND FAIREST REVIEW
15 MUST BE PROVIDED. AND I CAN'T STRESS THAT TOO CLEARLY.

16 A FAIR REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS IS CRITICAL.
17 A FAIR REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY
18 THAT WE CAN REALLY MAKE SURE THE PEOPLE ARE REPRESENTED.
19 AND LET ME BE CLEAR ON THIS POINT. IF THE REDISTRICTING
20 PLANS, THEMSELVES, AND THE MAPS WHICH HAVE BEEN CREATED BY
21 THE LEGISLATURE DO NOT MEET THE STANDARDS OF FAIRNESS AND
22 EQUITY DESCRIBED IN THE JUDICIAL DECISIONS WHICH I HAVE
23 DISCUSSED EARLIER IN THIS DISCUSSION, I WILL INITIATE
24 PERSONALLY AS SECRETARY OF STATE WHATEVER LEGAL ACTION I
25 THINK NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THAT FACT. IT IS

1 ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT THE PUBLIC KNOWS THAT THIS
2 PARTICULAR REAPPORTIONMENT WILL IN FACT BE FOR THEM AND
3 THAT THE LEGISLATURE CAN RISE TO THIS OCCASION, WHICH I
4 STRONGLY BELIEVE THEY CAN, EVEN THOUGH IN YEARS PAST THAT
5 HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN PROVEN TO BE THE CASE. I BELIEVE THAT
6 THIS ASSEMBLY WITH THIS SPEAKER CAN RISE TO THIS OCCASION
7 AND PRESENT THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA A REAPPORTIONMENT
8 THAT REPRESENTS THE NEW CENSUS DATA AND AT THE SAME TIME
9 ALLOWS FOR A FULL AND ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF ALL
10 CALIFORNIANS REGARDLESS OF RACE, PERIOD.

11 THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS. I
12 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH YOU. QUESTIONS?

13 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
14 SECRETARY OF STATE JONES.

15 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, DO YOU HAVE ANY
16 QUESTIONS?

17 SECRETARY JONES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I
18 APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. GOOD LUCK ON YOUR DELIBERATIONS.

19 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
20 TAKING THE TIME TO JOIN US. WE APPRECIATE IT. WE WILL
21 THEN NEXT RETURN TO THE ORDER PREVIOUSLY. LET ME
22 DOUBLE-CHECK. HAD MR. ALEXARDO ARRIVED? MR. ALEXARDO?

23 OKAY. I BELIEVE THE NEXT PERSON I HAD TOLD
24 OR SUGGESTED WOULD BE IN THE BATTER'S BOX WOULD BE ELEAZAR
25 ELIZONDO. MR. ELIZONDO IS COMING FORWARD. AND THEN AFTER

1 MR. ELIZONDO WHO IS REPRESENTING THE WILLIE C. VELASQUEZ
2 INSTITUTE AND THE MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL AND
3 EDUCATIONAL FUND WILL BE -- AND I APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING
4 READ THAT. I WOULD HAVE MOVED THIS. I'M SORRY, SIR, THAT
5 I DIDN'T MOVE THIS UP. MR. PAUL FREEMAN, MAYOR OF LAGUNA
6 BEACH, IS MR. FREEMAN HERE? ALL RIGHT. THEN THE NEXT ONE
7 AFTER THAT BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE ARE BEING
8 PREPARED, MR. ADAM ACOSTA FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL
9 LABOR COUNCIL. IS MR. ACOSTA PRESENT? OKAY. FINE. GO
10 AHEAD.

11 AND WITH THAT, MR. ELIZONDO. OKAY.
12 MR. ELIZONDO, YOU HAVE THE MIC.

13 MR. ELIZONDO: GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN
14 AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. I WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO MY
15 HOMETOWN OF SANTA ANA. I'M VERY HAPPY THAT YOU'VE HAD A
16 CHANCE TO COME OUT AND BE HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND HEAR
17 OUR VOICES. MY NAME IS ELEAZAR ELIZONDO, AND I GREW UP IN
18 THIS COMMUNITY. I'VE LIVED HERE FOR 25 YEARS. I'M
19 CURRENTLY A PUBLIC RELATIONS PROFESSIONAL, AND I GREW UP
20 IN THIS COMMUNITY FROM KINDERGARTEN ALL THE WAY THROUGH
21 COLLEGE.

22 MY CIVIC INVOLVEMENT INCLUDES SERVING ON
23 SEVERAL NONPROFITS INCLUDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING
24 SERVICES OF ORANGE COUNTY, THE MODERN DAY ALUMNI
25 ASSOCIATION, THE ORANGE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION

1 VOTERS, AND THE COLIANIAN DE PENINSULA CENTER, AND THE
2 CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS AND AS WELL AS
3 THE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE. I'M ALSO THE CHAIR OF
4 THE 69TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

5 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: MR. ELIZONDO, CAN I ASK
6 YOU DID YOU HAVE YOUR TESTIMONY ALSO IN WRITING?

7 MR. ELIZONDO: NO, SIR. IT'S JUST WRITTEN
8 DOWN.

9 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: CAN I ASK -- I KNOW IT'S
10 REALLY A STRUGGLE -- AND FOR ME, IT ALWAYS IS, BUT IF YOU
11 CAN TRY TO MAKE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO SLOW YOUR PACE
12 DOWN. WE HAVE THIS -- WE HAD THIS TERRIBLE INCIDENT IN
13 THE CAPITAL WHERE WE HAD A HEARING AND A WITNESS WAS
14 SPEAKING SO FAST AND THE POOR STENOGRAPHER'S HANDS CAUGHT
15 FIRE AND SET OFF A BIG FIRE. WE HAD LAWSUITS. SO WE'RE
16 VERY CONCERNED. IF YOU CAN YOU SLOW DOWN A LITTLE BIT.

17 MR. ELIZONDO: ABSOLUTELY, MR. CHAIRMAN.

18 I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE THE COMMITTEE TO
19 ENFORCE THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT TO NOT DIVIDE OUR COMMUNITY
20 OR DILUTE OUR VOTES, TO RESPECT OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE
21 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST THAT EXIST IN THIS REGION AND TO
22 NOT SPLIT THEM INTO MULTIPLE ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS. PLEASE
23 ENSURE THAT OUR TESTIMONY IS MEANINGFUL AND BY TRULY
24 CONSIDERING IT WHEN YOU REDRAW THE DISTRICT LINES.

25 PARTICULARLY, I WANT TO SPEAK TO THE FACT

1 THAT SANTA ANA CURRENTLY EXISTS AS DIVIDED AMONG THREE
2 ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS, AND IT REALLY SHOULD BE IN ONE. WE
3 ARE THE 9TH LARGEST CITY IN THE STATE. WE ARE THE COUNTY
4 SEAT. OUR CITY IS MORE URBAN THAN OTHER CITIES IN THE
5 COUNTY. CITIES AROUND US TEND TO BE SUBURBAN. WE HAVE
6 OVER 300,000. WE'RE REALLY A VERY DIFFERENT CITY FROM THE
7 OTHER CITIES, AND ALTHOUGH FREEWAYS DO GO THROUGH OUR CITY
8 AND SEPARATE PARTS OF US, THIS CITY IS HELD TOGETHER BY
9 NUMEROUS CIVIC TRADITIONS.

10 JUST TO SPEAK OF A COUPLE THAT REALLY BRING
11 OUR WHOLE CITY TOGETHER, THERE IS THE MAYOR'S CUP, WHICH
12 IS A FOOTBALL GAME BETWEEN MONTEREY HIGH SCHOOL AND SANTA
13 ANA HIGH SCHOOL. THERE IS THE ALWAYS POPULAR CITY LEAGUE,
14 LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHICH PITS OUR SIX LITTLE
15 LEAGUES AGAINST EACH OTHER AND REALLY BRINGS ALL OUR CITY
16 TOGETHER. AND ONE OF THE BIG ONES, OF COURSE, IS OUR POP
17 WARNER REDSKINS FOOTBALL TEAM WHICH BRINGS KIDS FROM ALL
18 OVER THE CITY TOGETHER.

19 AND SO EVEN THOUGH THESE FREEWAYS THAT TEND
20 TO DIVIDE OUR CITY, WHICH IS ONE OF THE WAYS THE LINES
21 CURRENTLY EXIST, OUR COMMUNITY SEES PAST THAT. I KNOW
22 CHILDREN WHO I'VE TAUGHT WHO HAVE TO WALK ACROSS THESE
23 FREEWAYS TO GET TO SCHOOLS. SO, IN ESSENCE, THEY DO NOT
24 DIVIDE OUR COMMUNITY AND ARE NOT GOOD BOUNDARIES. THE
25 CITY BOUNDARIES SHOULD BE RESPECTED.

1 AND, FINALLY, I'M A FORMER CANDIDATE FOR
2 COUNTY SUPERVISOR, AND I CAN SPEAK TO THE DIVISION AND THE
3 CONFUSION IT CREATES WHEN DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT
4 PARTS OF THE CITY CAN'T VOTE FOR THE SAME CANDIDATES.
5 I'VE HAD LIFELONG FRIENDS AND CHILDHOOD FRIENDS AND
6 CLASSMATES WHO LIVED IN ONE PART OF TOWN AND COULDN'T VOTE
7 FOR ME, WHICH DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AND COMPLETELY NOT
8 ONLY DISENFRANCHIZED PEOPLE IN A LITERAL SENSE BUT IN A
9 MORE PHILOSOPHICAL MEANINGFUL WAY, PUSHES PEOPLE AWAY FROM
10 GOVERNMENT. AND I THINK THAT WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT THAT'S
11 NOT DESIRABLE.

12 FINALLY, I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT
13 YOU MAY HAVE, AND I WANT TO AGAIN THANK YOU FOR COMING TO
14 OUR COMMUNITY.

15 MY FIRST NAME IS ELEAZAR, E-L-E-A-Z-A-R. MY
16 LAST NAME IS ELIZONDO, E-L-I-Z-O-N-D-O.

17 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
18 MR. ELIZONDO. WERE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? MR. MADDOX.

19 MR. MADDOX: THANK YOU, MR. LONGVILLE. WE
20 HEARD TESTIMONY FROM THE CHAIR OF THIS COMMITTEE THAT IF
21 AT ALL POSSIBLE KEEPING CITIES TOGETHER IN THE SAME
22 DISTRICT, IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, HE SAID IDEALLY WE KEEP
23 CITIES WITHIN THE SAME ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS. AND YOUR
24 DESIRE IS KEEPING SANTA ANA, WHICH IS A CITY, ALL IN THE
25 SAME ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

1 MR. ELIZONDO: CORRECT.

2 MR. MADDOX: CAN YOU JUST KIND OF BULLET
3 POINT WHY BEYOND THE FACT OF THE CITY BOUNDARIES, YOU
4 BELIEVE SANTA ANA SHOULD BE IN THE SAME ASSEMBLY
5 DISTRICT. KIND OF BULLET POINT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXPAND
6 UPON IT.

7 MR. ELIZONDO: WELL, I THINK, YOU KNOW, IT'S
8 A NATURAL BOUNDARY. I MEAN, I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT
9 IN AND OF ITSELF, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT, FOR EXAMPLE,
10 GOVERNMENT SERVICES, AND YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT, FOR
11 EXAMPLE, EDUCATION NEEDS, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE BE
12 ABLE TO SPEAK TO ONE LEADER ABOUT THAT ISSUE AND NOT
13 TRYING TO RUN AROUND SPEAKING TO DIFFERENT LEADERS.

14 YOU KNOW, I KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE, GARDEN GROVE
15 IS DIVIDED UP A LITTLE BIT, AND IN YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE, IT
16 MUST BE PRETTY DIFFICULT. IF SOMEBODY COMES TO SEE YOU,
17 AND YOU HAVE TO TELL THEM, YOU KNOW, I CAN'T HELP YOU,
18 IT'S NOT IN MY DISTRICT.

19 MR. MADDOX: THAT'S CORRECT.

20 MR. ELIZONDO: I THINK THAT REALLY HURTS, YOU
21 KNOW, THE PEOPLE WANTING TO BE INVOLVED. OUR CITY IS A
22 DIVERSE CITY, BOTH ETHNICALLY, BOTH ECONOMICALLY, THAT'S
23 TRUE. BUT THERE IS A GREATER SENSE OF COMMUNITY. NOW, I
24 OUTLINED THESE THREE EVENTS, FOR EXAMPLE, THESE ATHLETIC
25 EVENTS, THAT BRING KIDS AND FAMILIES FROM ALL OVER THE

1 CITY TOGETHER. SO, AGAIN, THE VERY UNIQUENESS OF SANTA
2 ANA. IT'S LARGER THAN MOST CITIES, BY POPULATION. IT'S
3 REALLY A METROPOLIS. IT'S A BIG CITY. WE HAVE MORE IN
4 COMMON WITH PLACES LIKE OAKLAND THAN, SAY, ORANGE. NO
5 OFFENSE, MR. CAMPBELL. I WENT TO CHAPMAN. IT'S A GREAT
6 CITY, BUT IT DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME CHALLENGES THAT WE DO
7 HERE IN SANTA ANA. I HOPE I'VE ANSWERED YOUR
8 QUESTION, ASSEMBLYMEMBER MADDOX.

9 MR. MADDOX: ARE THERE COMMUNITIES OF
10 INTEREST THAT YOU CAN IDENTIFY WITHIN SANTA ANA?

11 MR. ELIZONDO: SURE. THERE ARE LATINOS. YOU
12 KNOW, THERE IS CAUCASIAN, AFRICAN-AMERICAN. BUT I THINK
13 THAT WE -- BUT EVEN BEYOND RACE, YOU KNOW, THE EXPERIENCE
14 OF LIVING IN OUR CITY, YOU KNOW. WE'RE AFFECTED BY
15 GROWTH, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION. NOT ONLY DO WE
16 HAVE LARGE FREEWAYS, AS YOU WELL KNOW, BUT WE HAVE LARGE
17 STREETS, SUPER STREETS, LIKE BRISTOL. SO TALKING ABOUT
18 THINGS LIKE CENTER LINING, IT HELPS FOR US, OUR POLITICAL
19 VOICE, TO BE ONE, TO HAVE ONE VOICE SPEAK IN COMMON AND TO
20 BE LOUDLY AND CLEARLY HEARD.

21 MR. MADDOX: SO BEYOND RACE, THERE ARE
22 CERTAIN SOCIOECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SIMILARITIES THAT UNIFY
23 THE CITY?

24 MR. ELIZONDO: YEAH, I WOULD SAY SO. I WOULD
25 SAY SO. I WOULD SAY THE EXPERIENCES OF EVERYDAY LIFE. IF

1 YOU MOVE TO ORANGE COUNTY AND YOU WANTED TO MOVE TO A BIG
2 CITY AND WITH A BIG CITY FEEL, YOU WOULD COME TO
3 SANTA ANA. YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT MANHATTAN, BUT IT'S NOT
4 IOWA EITHER. IT'S VERY DIFFERENT THAN, SAY, LAGUNA BEACH,
5 EVEN HUNTINGTON BEACH, FOR EXAMPLE. WE ARE AN URBAN CITY
6 WITH URBAN CHALLENGES AND URBAN ADVANTAGES.

7 MR. MADDOX: THANK YOU, SIR.

8 MR. ELIZONDO: YES.

9 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10 NEXT, I BELIEVE ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAUCHER HAD A QUESTION.

11 MR. ELIZONDO: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

12 MS. DAUCHER: I HAVE A QUESTION.

13 MR. ELIZONDO: OH.

14 MS. DAUCHER: FOLLOWING UP ON ASSEMBLYMEMBER
15 MADDOX, BECAUSE YOUR TESTIMONY IS DIFFERENT THAN, FOR
16 EXAMPLE, SOME OF THE OTHERS, INCLUDING CONGRESSWOMAN
17 SANCHEZ' ABOUT COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. AND SO WHAT YOU
18 ARE SAYING IS THAT IN YOUR VIEW, THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST
19 IS GOVERNMENTAL BECAUSE THE CITY HAS THE SAME RECREATION
20 LEAGUE IN TERMS OF SPORTS SO FAMILIES STAY WITHIN AND THEY
21 TURN TO THE SAME GOVERNMENT. AND I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY
22 THAT.

23 MR. ELIZONDO: I DON'T THINK I'M
24 CONTRADICTING THE CONGRESSWOMAN. I THINK I'M EXPANDING.
25 THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS THAT WE CAN LOOK AT. SECRETARY

1 OF STATE JONES TALKED ABOUT THAT: INCUMBENT PROTECTION,
2 YOU KNOW, THE SES, SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, RACE. WE CAN
3 LOOK AT SEVERAL FACTORS. BUT I DO BELIEVE IN OUR
4 EXPERIENCE HERE IN SANTA ANA THAT GOVERNMENT SERVICE IS A
5 BIG PART OF IT, A BIG PART OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE
6 FACING.

7 WE HAVE -- OUR CITY IS CHANGING, GROWING. WE
8 HAVE, FOR INSTANCE, AS SOME OF OUR SPEAKERS SHARED WITH
9 YOU, WE HAVE SERIOUS ISSUES ABOUT FINDING LAND FOR
10 SCHOOLS, WHICH IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN OUR CLOSE NEIGHBORS,
11 FOR EXAMPLE. AND THAT MAKES THE EXPERIENCE, THE NEED FOR
12 US TO BE TOGETHER IN ONE CITY, BECAUSE WE HAVE ONE SCHOOL
13 DISTRICT. WE HAVE ONE SCHOOL BOARD. FOR EXAMPLE, AT THE
14 COUNTY OF SUPERVISORS LEVEL, WE'RE ALSO SPLIT UP AMONG
15 THREE COUNTY OF SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. SO WHEN YOU WANT
16 TO SPEAK, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE BEING PIT AGAINST YOUR
17 NEIGHBORS AS OPPOSED TO BEING ABLE TO WORK WITH THEM. SO
18 RACE IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE'RE 70 PERCENT PLUS LATINO,
19 THAT'S TRUE. BUT THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES TO LOOK AT THAT
20 ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

21 MS. DAUCHER: THANK YOU.

22 MR. ELIZONDO: THANK YOU. ONE FINAL
23 COMMENT. I WANTED TO THANK MALDEF AND THE WILLIAM
24 VELASQUEZ INSTITUTE FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO EDUCATE OUR
25 COMMUNITIES AND TO INFORM US OF WHAT IS REALLY A DIFFICULT

1 AND COMPLICATED PROCESS. THEIR WORK HAS BEEN VERY NOBLE
2 AND ADMIRABLE. THANK YOU.

3 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: BEFORE YOU RUN OUT, I
4 THINK ASSEMBLYMEMBER CORREA MAY HAVE HAD A QUESTION.
5 NO. OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
6 SIR. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE,
7 AGAIN.

8 AND THEN I'M GOING TO CHECK. DID MAYOR
9 FREEMAN SHOW UP? OKAY. THEN WE CAN MOVE TO MR. ADAM
10 ACOSTA. AND AFTER MR. ACOSTA, WHO IS WITH THE ORANGE
11 COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, I HAVE MR. ZEKE HERNANDEZ
12 AND MR. ART MONTEZ. YOU HAVE THE MICROPHONE, SIR.

13 MR. ACOSTA: THANK YOU. THIS IS KIND OF LAST
14 MINUTE HERE. I DON'T HAVE ANY COPIES FOR YOU, BUT I'D BE
15 MORE THAN HAPPY TO FORWARD THEM TO THE COMMITTEE. GOOD
16 AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ADAM ACOSTA. I'M A BUSINESS AGENT
17 FOR AFSCME, THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND
18 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES HERE IN CALIFORNIA. WE REPRESENT
19 ABOUT 60,000 MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. I'M SPEAKING
20 ON BEHALF OF LINDA SANCHEZ-VALENTINE WHO IS THE SECRETARY,
21 TREASURER FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL,
22 WHICH WE APPROXIMATELY REPRESENT ABOUT 115,000 UNION
23 MEMBERS HERE IN THIS COUNTY.

24 WHILE LABOR UNION MEMBERS COME FROM DIVERSE
25 BACKGROUNDS AND WORK IN A VARIETY OF OCCUPATIONS, THEY ARE

1 A DISTINCT COMMUNITY OF INTEREST WITH COMMON GOALS AND
2 CONCERNS. THEY'RE UNITED IN THEIR BELIEFS THAT ALL
3 WORKERS DESERVE TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY, RESPECT ON THE
4 JOB, THAT WORKERS BENEFIT WHEN THEY COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN
5 FOR CONTRACTS AND THEIR WORKERS DESERVE SAFE AND SANITARY
6 WORKING CONDITIONS. UNION MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT ALL
7 WORKERS DESERVE A DECENT LIVING WAGE FOR AN HONEST DAY OF
8 WORK.

9 MOST UNION MEMBERS IN ORANGE COUNTY ARE
10 HOMEOWNERS AND HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY
11 WHERE THEY LIVE. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT OWN HOMES, THE LACK
12 OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A MAJOR CONCERN FOR US AND FOR
13 THEM. MOST UNION MEMBERS EITHER HAVE CHILDREN OR HAVE
14 RAISED CHILDREN IN ORANGE COUNTY. THEREFORE, EDUCATION,
15 CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR CHILDREN, AND SAFE
16 COMMUNITIES ARE ALSO A COMMON CONCERN THAT UNITE THEM AND
17 UNITE US.

18 ABOVE ALL, UNION MEMBERS IN ORANGE COUNTY
19 SHARE A SENSE OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY THAT TRANSLATES INTO
20 COMMON VOTING PATTERNS. THEREFORE, REDISTRICTING WILL
21 HAVE A VERY REAL IMPACT UPON THE LABOR COMMUNITY IN ORANGE
22 COUNTY.

23 OF REAL CONCERN TO THE LABOR COMMUNITY IS
24 THAT REDISTRICTING WILL DILUTE THE LABOR VOTE, ESPECIALLY
25 IF CITIES ARE SPLIT INTO DIFFERENT STATE ASSEMBLY, STATE

1 SENATE, AND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS HERE IN THIS COUNTY.

2 ACCORDINGLY, OUR CHIEF CONCERN IS THAT TO THE
3 GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, CITIES NOT BE DIVIDED INTO
4 SEPARATE DISTRICTS. SINCE OUR MEMBERS ARE A PART OF THE
5 COMMUNITY WITHIN EACH CITY WHERE THEY LIVE, THEY SHOULD
6 NOT BE DIVIDED BY STREETS OR FREEWAYS OR ARBITRARY
7 LANDMARKS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY.

8 WHILE THE INTEGRITY OF EACH CITY SHOULD BE
9 RESPECTED, IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE CITIES
10 OF SANTA ANA, WESTMINSTER, GARDEN GROVE, FULLERTON,
11 ANAHEIM BE PRESERVED AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE WHEN THE NEW
12 LINES ARE DRAWN IN THE REDISTRICTING.

13 THESE COMMUNITIES ARE STRONG LABOR
14 COMMUNITIES THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE SPLIT INTO
15 DIFFERENT DISTRICTS.

16 THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS AND
17 CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS ON BEHALF OF THE
18 ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL. THANK YOU.

19 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU. WE HAVE A
20 QUESTION FOR YOU, SIR, FROM MS. DAUCHER.

21 MS. DAUCHER: YOU ADDRESSED CITIES. WHEN
22 SECRETARY OF STATE JONES WAS HERE, HE ALSO ADDRESSED
23 COUNTIES. DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION ON CROSSING COUNTY
24 LINES?

25 MR. ACOSTA: FRANKLY, I DON'T. I THINK IT

1 WOULD BE BEST THAT -- UNFORTUNATELY, LINDA SANCHEZ ISN'T
2 HERE, AND SHE'S BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS
3 ALONG THE LINES OF THE REAPPORTIONMENT. SO I'D LIKE TO
4 JUST RESERVE THAT FOR HER. IF YOU'D LIKE, WHAT WE COULD
5 DO IS FOLLOW UP WITH SOME FURTHER TESTIMONY IN WRITING TO
6 ADDRESS THAT PARTICULAR CONCERN OF THE COMMITTEE, IF THAT
7 WILL PLEASE YOU AND THE COMMITTEE.

8 ANYTHING FURTHER?

9 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
10 OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. ACOSTA. WE APPRECIATE
11 YOUR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE. LET'S SEE. THE LEAGUE
12 OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS, SANTA ANA, NUMBER 147.
13 MR. ZEKE HERNANDEZ.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I HAVE
15 SOME COPIES FOR YOU.

16 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: TERRIFIC. AND, MR.
17 HERNANDEZ, LET ME NOTE THAT YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
18 MR. ART MONTEZ. IF MR. MONTEZ IS ALSO HERE? OKAY. HE'LL
19 BE NEXT.

20 MR. SANCHEZ: THE TOP OF THE CLIP IS THE
21 ORIGINAL.

22 MR. CHAIR, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK YOU
23 BECAUSE I THINK ORIGINALLY WHEN THE SCHEDULE CAME UP FOR
24 THE HEARINGS, ORANGE COUNTY WASN'T INCLUDED. I SENT YOU A
25 LETTER, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO HAVE IT

1 HERE IN ORANGE COUNTY. I ALSO WANT TO GIVE CONSIDERATION,
2 ATTENTION TO THE ASSEMBLYMEMBERS FROM ORANGE COUNTY, LYNN
3 DAUCHER, BILL CAMPBELL, AND AS WELL AS MY REPRESENTATIVE,
4 LOU CORREA. BEFORE I GO ON, I WANT TO ALSO NOTE AND THANK
5 ASSEMBLYMAN CAMPBELL FOR ATTENDING OUR LAST AND RECENT
6 STATE CONVENTION HERE.

7 MAY I STRESS A COUPLE THINGS THAT OUR
8 SECRETARY OF STATE BILL JONES STATED. HE SAID THAT,
9 BASICALLY, THAT WE SHOULD NOT LOOK AT -- WE SHOULD LOOK IN
10 TERMS OF THE REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS AS BEING NONPARTISAN,
11 FULL PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC AND THAT WE PAY
12 PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE DEMOGRAPHICS CHANGE. IF YOU
13 READ THE CENSUS FIGURES, THERE WAS A BOOM IN SOME
14 COMMUNITIES, LATINO COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS THE ASIAN
15 AMERICAN COMMUNITY. AND IN SOME CIRCLES, THAT WAS
16 UNEXPECTED, BUT I THINK WITHIN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES, WE
17 REALIZE THAT THAT BOOM WAS THERE.

18 IN ADDITION, I ALSO WANT TO BRING TO YOUR
19 ATTENTION THE TIME LINE. I BELIEVE AUGUST 18TH IS THE
20 DEADLINE THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT. AND AUGUST 15TH, OR
21 18TH?

22 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: 15TH.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: IF IN DRAWING THE LINES YOU
24 GO BACK AND YOU GO BACK TO SACRAMENTO, SECRETARY JONES
25 TALKED ABOUT BACK ROOM DEALS, ETCETERA AND ALL THAT. WE

1 KNOW THAT WE AS THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATE IN PROVIDING OUR
2 INPUT, OUR PERSPECTIVE IN TERMS OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE
3 OVERALL COMMUNITY, THAT IF POSSIBLE, IF YOU COULD COME UP
4 WITH A TIME LINE WHEN ALL THE LINES ARE DRAWN, TO PRESENT
5 IT TO THE PUBLIC TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO VIEW THAT AND IN
6 SOME WAY GIVE FEEDBACK BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING
7 TO BE DRAWN. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE DRAWN BEHIND BACK
8 DOORS, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE DRAWN WITHOUT US HAVING
9 INPUT. ALTHOUGH WE GIVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, WE AREN'T
10 THERE DRAWING THE LINES, IF YOU WILL. THANK YOU.

11 AND, ALSO, SECTION 5. HE MADE -- HE NOTED
12 SECTION 5 BECAUSE HE NOTICED SOME COUNTIES THAT HAVE TO
13 ABIDE BY SECTION 5. ALTHOUGH ORANGE COUNTY IS NOT THERE,
14 BUT AS SECRETARY OF STATE NOTED THAT IT'S GOING TO BE HIS
15 PERSONAL CHALLENGE TO CHALLENGE WHATEVER COMES UP IF IT'S
16 NOT IN THE COMMUNITY'S INTEREST.

17 ON BEHALF OF THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN
18 AMERICAN CITIZENS, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SUBMISSION FOR THE
19 REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY PORTION OF THE
20 ASSEMBLY, SENATE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

21 THE REDISTRICTING PLAN WHICH IS GOING TO BE
22 SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF SANTA ANA LULAC, BY MY COLLEAGUE,
23 PRESENTS THESE DISTRICTS THAT COMPLY WITH THE VOTING
24 RIGHTS ACT, INCORPORATES AND RESPECTS TRADITIONAL
25 REDISTRICTING CRITERIA, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITIES OF

1 INTEREST. THIS LULAC PLAN ALSO COMPLIES WITH THE EQUAL
2 POPULATION REQUIREMENTS EMBODIED IN THE UNITED STATES
3 CONSTITUTION AND SUBSEQUENT STATE CASE LAW. THIS PLAN
4 ALSO DOES NOT ELEVATE THE CONSIDERATIONS OF RACE ABOVE
5 OTHER TRADITIONAL REDISTRICTING CRITERIA, AND AGAIN IS
6 CONSISTENT WITH THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND CASE
7 LAW.

8 LULAC PROMOTES THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE
9 ECONOMIC CONDITION, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, POLITICAL
10 INFLUENCE, HEALTH AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE LATINO
11 POPULATION HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. WE PROMOTE THESE
12 OBJECTIVES INCLUDING COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. THIS PLAN
13 COMPLIES WITH THE EQUAL POPULATION REQUIREMENTS. EXCUSE
14 ME. I LOST MY MIC. OKAY. WE PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL
15 REGIONAL AND STATE FEDERAL REDISTRICTING PLANS AND WAS
16 INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESSFUL MENDEZ, ET AL., VERSUS
17 WESTMINSTER CASE HERE IN ORANGE COUNTY WHICH ENDED
18 SEGREGATION HERE IN ORANGE COUNTY SEVERAL YEARS PRIOR TO
19 BROWN VERSUS TOPEKA KANSAS CASE IN 1952.

20 OUR PARTICIPATION IN REDISTRICTING HAS
21 RESULTED IN LANDMARK DECISIONS AND LEGISLATION INCLUDING
22 THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS AND REDISTRICTING
23 PRECIDENTS. OUR ORGANIZATION'S EXPERIENCE, EXPERTISE,
24 KNOWLEDGE, INTEGRITY, AND WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF US
25 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, SECTION 2 AND 5 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS

1 ACT, ALONG WITH LULAC'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AT LOCAL,
2 STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS HAS GUIDED THE DEVELOPMENT OF
3 THE RECENT PLANS BEING RECOMMENDED TO THE ORANGE COUNTY --
4 OR TO THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE.

5 IN PARTICULAR, TEN YEARS AGO, MY COLLEAGUE
6 AND I, WE DID PROVIDE TESTIMONY TO THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE
7 HEADED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHACON AS WELL AS PROVIDED
8 TESTIMONY TO THE MASTERS PANEL THAT WAS HELD -- HEARING
9 THAT WAS HELD IN LOS ANGELES IN TERMS OF THE '91 PROCESS.
10 WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH WHAT THE MASTERS PANEL HAS ASKED FOR.
11 WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH THE JUDICIAL REVIEW OF WHAT THE
12 REDISTRICTING PROCESS IS ALL ABOUT AND THE COMMUNITY OF
13 INTEREST.

14 IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE
15 CONTINUES TO ADHERE TO THE LEGAL STANDARDS AND DISPLAYS
16 INTEGRITY TO CITIZENRY IN REVIEWING, CONSIDERING, AND
17 APPROVING THIS PROPOSED PLAN. THE LULAC PLAN'S POPULATION
18 DEVIATION PER DISTRICT IS WELL WITHIN THE TOLERABLE LEGAL
19 LIMITS. PROPOSED DISTRICTS IN THIS PLAN ARE CONTIGUOUS
20 AND COMPACT. THE PROPOSED DISTRICTS IN THIS PLAN RESPECTS
21 THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES OF THE
22 COUNTY. RACIAL CONSIDERATIONS DO NOT PREDOMINATE OVER
23 TRADITIONAL REDISTRICTING CRITERIA IN THE CREATION OF
24 THESE DISTRICTS AND IS SUPPORTED BY ADHERENCE TO
25 TRADITIONAL REDISTRICTING CRITERIA AND OTHER NONRACIAL

1 CONSIDERATIONS. WE RESPECT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND
2 COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS CONCERNS.

3 THE PROPOSED LULAC PLAN CONSIDERS
4 TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL, INCLUDING THE COASTAL AND
5 WETLAND AREAS VERSUS INLAND AND MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN. ALSO
6 CONSIDERED ARE URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS, SUBURBAN
7 CENTERS, RURAL AREAS, GATED COMMUNITIES, ALL THOSE THINGS
8 THAT A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST MAKES, IS MADE UP OF. THE
9 LULAC PLAN ALSO INCORPORATES CONSIDERATION OF THE
10 HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CITIES AND ANNEXED AREAS, WITH
11 AREAS WITH REGARD TO THE SOCIOCULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF
12 THOSE COMMUNITIES.

13 IN DEVELOPING THE PLAN BEING SUBMITTED, WE
14 HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO CONSIDER THE LOCATIONS OF HEALTH
15 SERVICE AREAS, ALL KINDS OF AREAS THAT MY COLLEAGUE ART
16 MONTEZ WILL GET INTO.

17 THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT ENACTED BY CONGRESS IN
18 1965 PROHIBITS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REDISTRICTING PLANS
19 THAT DILUTE THE VOTING STRENGTH OF MINORITIES. THE
20 DISTRICTS, AS PROPOSED HERE AVOID SUCH DILUTION AND DO NOT
21 FRACTURE MINORITY COMMUNITIES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PREVENT
22 FROM ELECTING -- THE CONSTITUENTS FROM ELECTING CANDIDATES
23 OF THEIR CHOICE.

24 SANTA ANA LULAC, AS PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS IN
25 THIS REAPPORTIONMENT EFFORT, WE WISH TO THANK THE STATE

1 LEGISLATORS, THEIR STAFF MEMBERS AND THE CONSULTANTS FOR
2 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT TO YOU LULAC'S PLAN FOR THE
3 REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE STATE, SENATE AND CONGRESSIONAL
4 DISTRICTS.

5 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WE'D BE HAPPY TO
6 ANSWER THEM, MYSELF AS WELL AS ART MONTEZ WHO WILL BE
7 PROVIDING YOU WITH PLANS RIGHT AFTER ME. I WANT TO THANK
8 YOU. I WANT TO JUST SOMEWHAT REITERATE THAT WE'RE NOT
9 POLITICIANS OUT HERE. YOU ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS. AND
10 SOME PEOPLE CALL YOU POLITICIANS. AND SOMETIMES WITHIN
11 THE WORLD OF POLITICS WHEN SOMETHING GETS THROWN TO A
12 POLITICIAN AND IT'S ADVERSE, THE CRY COMES OUT, OH, THAT'S
13 TOO POLITICAL OR THAT'S POLITICS. WELL, IT IS CERTAINLY
14 POLITICS BECAUSE YOU LIVE IN A WORLD OF POLITICS, BUT WE
15 ASK YOU TO PUT POLITICS ASIDE, TO LOOK AT THOSE ELEMENTS
16 THAT THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST MAKE -- IS MADE UP OF.
17 TAKE A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY AND ALL THE ELEMENTS IN IT.
18 THAT'S HOW YOU SHOULD DRAW YOUR PLAN. NOT TO SAVE
19 YOURSELF AND YOUR DISTRICT OR TO SAVE THE FELLOW
20 ASSEMBLYMEMBER OR TO LOOK TOWARDS THE FUTURE IN TERMS OF
21 AN ELECTION. WE ASK YOU TO DRAW THESE LINES BASED ON OUR
22 CONCERNS, WHICH IS THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE
24 REPORTED BY LINDA HOGUE.)
25

1 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
2 PLEASE DON'T LEAVE YET. WE MAY HAVE A QUESTION. WE MAY
3 HAVE A QUESTION FROM MR. CAMPBELL.

4 MR. CAMPBELL: MR. HERNANDEZ, THANK YOU VERY
5 MUCH FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS, AND I'M ANXIOUS TO SEE THE
6 PLAN THAT YOUR FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE WILL BE SUBMITTING.

7 I'M CURIOUS, DID YOU COORDINATE YOUR
8 PLAN EFFORTS, THOUGH, WITH OTHER LULAC UNITS BECAUSE ONE
9 OF THE ISSUES WE FACE, AS YOU KNOW, IS IF YOU DESIGN IT
10 FOR ORANGE COUNTY, THERE ARE OTHER COUNTIES ALL AROUND
11 US, AND YOU END UP HAVING TO MOVE THINGS IN AND OUT.

12 DID YOU -- DID YOU ATTEMPT TO WORK WITH
13 OTHER --

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: WE HAVE. IN FACT, THE VENTURA
15 AND CHANNEL ISLANDS LULAC CHAPTERS ARE MEETING THIS WEEK
16 TO DISCUSS THEIR PLANS. IF YOU KNOW, IN VENTURA COUNTY,
17 THE SUPERVISORS -- WELL, IN TERMS OF THE COUNTY, THE
18 SUPERVISORS HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE IT UPON THEMSELVES TO
19 DRAW THEIR OWN LINES WITHOUT GOING INTO A PUBLIC FORMAT,
20 AND THEY'RE LOOKING AT THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE
21 DISTRICT.

22 WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN TOGETHER TO SAY, YOU
23 KNOW, NORTH CALIFORNIA AND LA SHOULD FIT IN LIKE THIS,
24 OKAY (INDICATING) BECAUSE IT'S THE COMMUNITY OF
25 INTEREST. OUR INTEREST HERE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ORANGE

1 COUNTY IS SO MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THE VALLEY, FROM
2 SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, ALTHOUGH -- AND WE TALKED ABOUT
3 CITIES. IF YOU READ IN THE PAPER, JUST RECENTLY, THE
4 CITY OF COSTA MESA IS PROBABLY -- WILL PROBABLY BE
5 DEFINING ON WHAT THE CENTER CORE CITY IS WHEN YOU LOOK
6 AT THE -- AT THE COASTAL AREA.

7 WHEN YOU LOOK AT -- I BELIEVE IT'S THE
8 CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, AGAIN, REDEFINING WHAT A CORE CITY
9 IS, SO YOU DON'T -- YOU'RE NOT LOOKING AT A CITY TODAY
10 AS -- AS YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST.

11 WE -- WE DEFINITELY DO HAVE THE SUPPORT
12 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LULAC DISTRICT IN PRESENTING THIS
13 PLAN. WE'VE -- OUR MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE HAVE
14 MET, WORKED, AND -- AND PARTICIPATED IN WORKSHOPS WITH
15 MALDEF IN SOUTHWEST VOTER REGISTRATION IN TERMS OF -- OF
16 HOW IT COULD LOOK ON A STATEWIDE BASIS.

17 AND AS YOU HEARD THE TESTIMONY FROM THE
18 SOUTHWEST AS WELL AS FROM MALDEF, ON BEHALF OF MALDEF,
19 WE'RE LOOKING AT LINES, AND IT'S VERY HARD. I DON'T
20 KNOW HOW YOU LOOK AT IT. BUT BASED ON COMMUNITY OF
21 INTEREST, WHY? BECAUSE OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE --
22 CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED.

23 SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS NOTED THAT
24 THE TREMENDOUS CHANGES HERE IN ORANGE COUNTY, THERE ARE
25 CERTAIN LINES THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DRAW. YOU

1 CAN'T GO AROUND IT BECAUSE SANTA ANA, GARDEN GROVE,
2 ANAHEIM, THERE'S CERTAIN -- THERE'S A GROUP OF
3 COMMUNITY -- THERE'S A GROUP OF POPULATION, A SEGMENT OF
4 THE COMMUNITY, THAT IS TOGETHER.

5 WE MAY BE DIFFERENT THIS WAY
6 (INDICATING), BUT WE ARE TOGETHER IN TERMS OF THE
7 ELEMENTS THAT MAKE UP THE COMMUNITY.

8 MR. CAMPBELL: I APPRECIATE THAT AND AGREE WITH
9 YOU. MY HOPE IS THAT IT'S SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU PLANNED,
10 THOUGH, THAT AS SOMEBODY FROM ORANGE COUNTY, THAT WE
11 WILL END UP BEING ABLE TO DESIGN ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS,
12 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, SENATE DISTRICTS THAT WILL BE
13 MORE OR LESS SELF-CONTAINED WITHIN ORANGE COUNTY
14 BECAUSE, I THINK, WE ARE UNIQUE AND A UNIQUE SET OF
15 COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: ALSO IN LOS ANGELES, ELECTED
17 OFFICIALS IN LOS ANGELES TEN YEARS AGO, AND I CAN -- AND
18 I CAN SAY THIS -- THEY WERE LOOKING TO PROTECTING THEIR
19 DISTRICTS.

20 AND I THINK THAT WE OUGHT -- YOU OUGHT
21 TO THROW THAT OUT THE WINDOW AND CERTAINLY WORK ON
22 DRAWING THE LINES THAT JUST DOES NOT -- THAT DOES NOT
23 PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL BUT
24 PROTECTS THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY.

25 MR. CAMPBELL: THANK YOU.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

2 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: YES, WE DO, AND -- AND
3 BEFORE WE DO THAT, THOUGH, LET ME JUST -- I JUST HAD A
4 QUESTION THAT CAUSES ME TO WANT TO INTERRUPT WITH A
5 BRIEF NOTE FOR ANYONE WHO'S NOT AWARE OF IT AND WHO
6 SHOULD BE AWARE OF IT, I SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED THIS AT
7 THE BEGINNING OF THE HEARING, AS WE HAD A COUPLE OF
8 OTHER ASSEMBLYMEMBERS PRESENT THEN.

9 ANY -- ANY MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT AWARE OF
10 IT, WE HAVE A SESSION TOMORROW AT 4:00. IF THERE'S ANY
11 OTHER MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT AWARE, SPEAKER HERTZBERG HAS
12 CALLED THE ASSEMBLY BACK INTO SESSION TO DEAL WITH THE
13 BUDGET AT 4:00 TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

14 SO MEMBERS, FOR SCHEDULING PURPOSES,
15 I'LL MENTION THAT. WITH THAT, I BELIEVE MS. DAUCHER HAD
16 ANOTHER QUESTION FOR YOU, SIR.

17 MS. DAUCHER: JUST TO FOLLOW UP ON SOME
18 TESTIMONY EARLIER ABOUT THE FACT THAT -- IN LOS ANGELES,
19 THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LOST, AND SO THEY NEED TO FIND
20 PEOPLE FOR ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS -- THAT WAS THE TESTIMONY
21 EARLIER -- SO THEY'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING TO OTHER
22 PLACES TO MOVE INTO.

23 TO THE EXTENT THAT ORANGE COUNTY COULD
24 BE SELF-CONTAINED, THAT THE NUMBERS IN ORANGE COUNTY
25 ARE -- YOU KNOW, WOULD ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN, ARE YOU --

1 IS WHAT YOUR -- IS YOUR TESTIMONY THAT YOUR PREFERENCE
2 IS THAT ORANGE COUNTY STAY SELF-CONTAINED?

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: MY COLLEAGUE, ART MONTEZ, WHEN
4 WE SHOW YOU THE PLANS, WHEN WE GO OVER THE PLANS, WILL
5 SHOW YOU THAT, AND YOU'D BE SURPRISED, TWO CONGRESSIONAL
6 DISTRICTS IN ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL CORE, AND -- AND THE
7 NUMBER OF -- IN TERMS OF THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS WITHIN
8 ORANGE COUNTY, YES.

9 EACH -- YOU KNOW, TEN YEARS AGO, THE
10 SPEAKER -- THE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER -- AND YOU KNOW WHO OUR
11 ASSEMBLY SPEAKER FROM THAT TIME WAS FROM THE
12 SAN FRANCISCO AREA -- WAS VERY PROTECTIVE OF THE
13 SAN FRANCISCO AREA, THE WORLD WAS THERE AND IT WENT
14 OUT.

15 IN LOS ANGELES, THE MEMBERS OF THE
16 STATE ASSEMBLY WERE LOOKING AT LOS ANGELES AS MY
17 DISTRICT IS HERE AND IT'S THE CENTER OF THE WORLD, AND
18 SO YOU STARTED DRAWING LINES AROUND THERE, AND THEN
19 ORANGE COUNTY, WE GOT -- WE GOT CUT OUT.

20 I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO PAY PARTICULAR
21 ATTENTION THAT IT DOES NOT BECAUSE WE TAKE A LITTLE BIT
22 OF COMMUNITY OF INTEREST, BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO TAKE -- WE
23 ALSO HAVE TO DO THE STRATEGY THAT OTHERS ARE USING
24 SAYING THAT ORANGE COUNTY AS -- AS -- IS A HUB, IS A
25 HUB, AND CERTAINLY WE -- WE -- WE -- YOU CAN'T DIVIDE

1 ORANGE COUNTY BY GIVING US LEFTOVERS IN TERMS OF THE
2 DISTRICTS.

3 WE NEED TO START DRAWING OUR OWN LINES
4 AND MAKING THEM COMPATIBLE AND NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT
5 IN TERMS OF THE OVERALL STATEWIDE PLAN.

6 MS. DAUCHER: TO EXPAND THAT ON A GENERALIZED
7 BASIS THEN, ONE PRINCIPLE OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING A
8 COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IS IS A COUNTY HAS -- HAS AN
9 INTEREST. YOU SPECIFICALLY HAD MENTIONED CITIES, BUT
10 COUNTIES -- GOVERNMENTAL -- AND YOU PUT THAT ON A
11 GENERAL -- GENERAL BASIS ALSO?

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: YES. IF YOU -- AND ART WILL BE
13 SPEAKING ON THAT BECAUSE SOME OF OUR DISTRICTS ARE
14 CONTIGUOUS -- ARE -- FOLLOW THE BOUNDARIES OF COUNTY
15 LINES, BUT THEN THERE ARE OTHER DISTRICTS BECAUSE IN
16 SOME PARTS OF NORTHEASTERN ORANGE COUNTY, THE COMMUNITY
17 OF INTEREST IS COMPATIBLE WITH PEOPLE LIVING IN THE
18 RIVERSIDE COUNTY AREA. SO WE DO GO BEYOND.

19 MS. DAUCHER: SO YOU HAVE SOME -- IS WHAT YOU'RE
20 TELLING ME THAT THAT'S A PRINCIPLE BUT YOU'RE FLEXIBLE?

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: YES. AND, YOU KNOW, I DON'T
22 THINK YOU CAN DRAW STATEWIDE LINES KEEPING THEM STRICTLY
23 SOLELY TO POLITICAL -- POLITICAL ENTITIES, SUBDIVISIONS.
24 IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.

25 IT'S JUST A MATTER OF HOW YOU'RE GOING

1 TO BE DRAWING THOSE LINES AND WHICH CITIES YOU'RE GOING
2 TO BE DIVIDING. BUT PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO
3 SECTION 2 AND SECTION 5.

4 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE
5 APPRECIATE IT, SIR.

6 AND WERE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IF
7 NOT, I BELIEVE MR. MONTEZ IS UP NEXT.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: THANK YOU.

9 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: AND, MR. MONTEZ, YOU HAVE
10 THE MAP WITH YOU, DO YOU, SIR?

11 MR. MONTEZ: YES, I DO.

12 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: OKAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
13 LOOKING AT IT.

14 MR. MONTEZ: I BROUGHT FIVE, AND I WANT TO THANK
15 THE ASSEMBLY FOR COMING DOWN HERE. IT KIND OF REMINDS
16 ME WHEN WE WERE IN VIETNAM, WELCOME TO THE BUSH,
17 GENTLEMEN, BECAUSE THIS IS A TURNAROUND. THIS IS THE
18 EPICENTER FOR CHANGE NATIONWIDE.

19 BUT BEFORE I START, I DO REPRESENT
20 LULAC, NOT ONLY HERE BUT NATIONALLY. I AM ONE OF THE
21 MAJOR PEOPLE DEALING WITH THE REDISTRICTING PLANS AT THE
22 NATIONAL LEVEL. I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR 30 YEARS. I
23 STARTED VERY YOUNG, AND I'VE GOTTEN A LOT OF CANAS OR
24 WHITE HAIRS OVER THE YEARS DEALING WITH THIS.

25 WE'VE HAD TO GO TO THE COURTS BEFORE.

1 WE'RE ALSO REPRESENTING GI FORUM, WHICH IS THE LARGEST
2 LATIN VETERANS' ORGANIZATION. WE'RE ALSO REPRESENTING
3 LATIN AMERICAN COUNSEL FOR LABOR ADVANCEMENT, LACLA, THE
4 LABOR COUNSEL FOR LATIN AMERICAN ADVANCEMENT, WHICH IS
5 THE LABOR -- AFL-CIO LATINO LABOR ARM.

6 AND I CAN'T SPEAK TO YOU ON SPECIFICS,
7 WHETHER IT BE HERE OR ANY PART OF THE STATE, BECAUSE I
8 HAVE -- I'VE WORKED WITH CRLA. I HAVE WORKED -- WHICH
9 IS THE CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE GROUP WHICH, I
10 THINK, MR. LONGVILLE AND OTHERS HAVE WORKED.

11 I'M A COUNTRY BOY. SO, YOU KNOW, I'VE
12 HAD TO WORK OUT THERE. AND, EXCUSE ME, BUT, YOU KNOW,
13 WE'VE HAD TO WORK IN THE RED NECK AREAS, AS WELL AS SOME
14 OF THESE AREAS DOWN HERE WHERE WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT WEAR
15 WHITE COLLARS AND NOT WHITE SHEETS, AND THIS IS WHERE
16 WE'RE AT.

17 THIS IS THE ALABAMA OF THE 2000S. AND
18 FOR LATINOS, WHEN YOU ASK THEM AND YOU ASK ANY MINORITY
19 GROUP WHERE WE SUFFER, WHERE WE HAVE HATE GROUPS THAT
20 ARE LOCATED HERE, AND THE COURTS HAVE LOOKED AT AREAS OF
21 POLARIZATION.

22 THEY HAVE LOOKED -- WHEN WE SUBMITTED
23 TO THE COURTS AND TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION --
24 NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION, WE HAVE SENT -- WE
25 HAVE ASKED FOR SECTION 5 PROTECTION, LIKE OUR COLLEAGUES

1 UP IN THE SECTION 5 AREAS WHERE MR. JONES FAILED TO TELL
2 YOU THAT MR. JONES AND OTHERS LED WITCH HUNTS AGAINST
3 LULAC, HERMANDAD, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HERE.

4 WE WITHSTOOD THAT. WE HAVE WITHSTOOD
5 ATTACKS BY BOTH PARTIES, AND WE HAVE SURVIVED. WE'RE
6 PROBABLY SOME OF THE FEW SURVIVORS NATIONWIDE THAT HAVE
7 SURVIVED WITCH HUNTS BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, AND WE'RE
8 STILL HERE AND WILL BE HERE LONG AFTERWARDS. WE WERE
9 HERE LONG BEFORE THESE DISTRICTS WERE CREATED.

10 IN '46 -- WE HAD MEMBERS LAST NIGHT
11 THAT WERE LOOKING AT THESE MAPS THAT VOTED AND TOOK THE
12 CONSCIOUS EFFORT AFTER THEY CAME BACK FROM WORLD WAR II,
13 WERE REFUSED WHEN THEIR DAUGHTERS COULD NOT GO ACROSS
14 THE STREET TO A SCHOOL, FILED ACTIONS, NOT ONLY IN
15 WESTMINSTER BUT FILED ACTIONS IN PLACENTIA AND OTHER
16 AREAS AND WHO WOULD BE DISHONORABLE FOR ME TO SIT BACK
17 AND ALLOW, WHETHER IT BE MEMBERS OF ANY CAUCUS, WHETHER
18 THEY'RE REPRESENTATIVES FOR OTHERS, THAT ARE NOT WILLING
19 TO MEET THE CHALLENGE, AND THEY'RE NOT WILLING -- WHICH
20 SOME HAVE CALLED AMBITIOUS GOALS, BUT IF IT HADN'T BEEN
21 FOR THAT AMBITION, WE WOULD STILL HAVE ONLY TWO MEMBERS
22 IN THE ASSEMBLY AND IN THE SENATE, AND, BELIEVE ME, WE
23 ARE WILLING TO GO TO COURT.

24 WE WERE WILLING TO GO TO COURT BEFORE
25 BY OURSELVES, AND WE HAVE NEVER LOST A CASE IN 50 YEARS,

1 GENTLEMEN. WE HAVE BEEN AT THE BATTER'S BOX, AND WE'VE
2 BATTED A THOUSAND. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY OTHER
3 ORGANIZATION NATIONWIDE THAT CAN SAY THAT.

4 NOW, LET ME SPEAK TO THE PLANS. WE
5 HAVE LOOKED AT THE EQUITY OF POPULATION. WE FEEL THE
6 DEVIATIONS, WE CAN COME IN WITHIN 1 TO 2 PERCENT ON
7 ANYTHING. WE'VE DONE IT HERE IN ORANGE COUNTY, AND,
8 BELIEVE ME, IF YOU CAN DO IT IN ORANGE COUNTY, WE CAN DO
9 IT ANYWHERE.

10 WE'VE ALSO LOOKED AT THE CONTINUITY AND
11 COMPACTNESS OF DISTRICTS, AND BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER,
12 WE WERE -- AND WE WENT AND TESTIFIED ON THE DRAWINGS
13 THAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU IN THE BACK WHERE WE HAD TO
14 SORROWFULLY LEAVE BEHIND A LOT OF COMMUNITIES.

15 AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE CONGRESSIONAL
16 SEATS, BECAUSE THERE WASN'T ENOUGH POPULATION TO MAKE
17 WHOLE DISTRICTS, AND, BELIEVE ME, IT IS HARD FOR
18 SOMEBODY LIKE MYSELF TO ABANDON PEOPLE IN THE FIELD
19 BECAUSE THIS IS A POLITICAL KILLING FIELD HERE IN ORANGE
20 COUNTY.

21 WE HAD TO LEAVE A LOT OF OUR PEOPLE
22 THAT DON'T HAVE THE PROTECTION OF MR. LOU CORREA. WE'VE
23 HAD TO GO UP THERE AND TESTIFY FOR TUSTIN THAT DOESN'T
24 HAVE THE PROTECTION THERE IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO GET
25 A HUNDRED ACRES WHEN THEY ONLY WANTED TO GIVE US 20

1 ACRES AND A ROOSTER. WE'VE HAD TO DO THAT.

2 WE'VE HAD TO ASK FOR MEMBERSHIP AND GO

3 WITH, HAND IN HAND, TO THE CAUCUS AND DO THAT. NOW,

4 THANK GOD, WE HAVE MEMBERS SUCH AS MR. CORREA, MR. DUNN,

5 AND OTHERS. WE'VE GOT RID OF THE HERTZBERGS, AND WE'VE

6 GOT RID OF OTHERS THAT HAVE TAKEN INTO SOME OF THESE

7 ASSEMBLY SEATS.

8 I'M SORRY TO SEE MR. MADDOX ISN'T HERE,

9 BUT, BELIEVE ME, WE ARE CREATING VOTING RIGHTS DISTRICTS

10 TONIGHT, AND WE WILL FIGHT FOR THOSE DISTRICTS

11 REGARDLESS IF WE HAVE TO GO TO COURT BY OURSELVES.

12 AND I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR, TO FRIEND

13 AND FOE, THAT WE WILL BE THERE. WE WERE THERE BEFORE.

14 I REMEMBER WALKING DISTRICTS WITH WILLIE VELASQUEZ YEARS

15 AGO IN ARIZONA AND OTHER AREAS.

16 WHEN I CAME TO THIS STATE, WE HAD 400

17 ELECTED OFFICIALS. HERE IN THIS STATE, WE HAD ONE

18 ELECTED OFFICIAL AT THE STATE LEVEL. AND WE'RE NOT

19 GOING TO ALLOW -- AND I THINK MR. LONGVILLE PROBABLY

20 NEVER PICKED WATERMELONS OR OTHERS, THEY OPEN UP THE

21 WATERMELON AND SOMEBODY ALWAYS JUST GOES FOR THE CENTER

22 PART OF THE WATERMELON AND LEAVES THE SEEDS TO THE SIDE.

23 THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN ON MY WATCH.

24 YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE EVERYTHING, AND

25 YOU'RE GOING TO WORK IT, AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT

1 VOTER REGISTRATION MONEY IN THERE TO WORK IT, AND WE'RE
2 GOING TO DEMAND IT BECAUSE THESE ORGANIZATIONS -- WHEN I
3 SEE THESE PEOPLE -- WHEN I GO DOWN THE I-5 OR BRYAN OR
4 SOME OF THESE OTHER PEOPLE PICKING COTTON -- WHO USED TO
5 PICK COTTON.

6 I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY HAS EVER PICKED
7 COTTON OR PICKED STRAWBERRIES OR PICKED -- YOU PICK
8 WHAT'S ON THE TREE, AND YOU GO UP THERE AND YOU MAKE
9 SURE THAT THE WEIGHT IS ACCURATE, AND THAT'S WHAT I ASK
10 FOR WHEN WE ASK FOR EQUITY OF POPULATION, BECAUSE THESE
11 PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT THERE WORKING DON'T HAVE THE
12 OPPORTUNITY TO COME HERE.

13 IT'S INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS MYSELF, ZEKE,
14 AND LOU AND OTHERS THAT HAVE HAD TO GO THROUGH THE
15 PROCESS. WE'RE 1 PERCENT OF 1 PERCENT. IT'S OUR
16 OBLIGATION, AND IT'S OUR DUTY NOT ONLY TO THE PEOPLE
17 THAT CAME BEFORE US AND THE PEOPLE THAT COME AFTER US,
18 WE HAVE A VERY YOUNG POPULATION IN ORANGE COUNTY.

19 IT USED TO BE IN 1990, 80 PERCENT OF
20 THE PEOPLE WERE UNDER 18. NOW IT'S 80 PERCENT UNDER 26.
21 SO WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBERS, IT MAY ONLY BE
22 40 PERCENT OR 45 PERCENT, BUT, YOU KNOW WHAT, IT'S
23 GROWING.

24 WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE LARGEST -- SECOND
25 LARGEST POPULATION OF IMMIGRANTS, IT'S IN THE CENTER

1 PART OF THE COMMUNITY, IN SANTA ANA AND ANAHEIM, ALONG
2 MR. CORREA'S DISTRICT, THAT'S WHERE IT'S AT. 180,000
3 PEOPLE THERE, GREEN CARD HOLDERS, AND 189 SHOVED THEM
4 OVER THE EDGE. IN MY HOUSEHOLD, IT WENT FROM ONE MEMBER
5 TO THREE MEMBERS VOTING, AND THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON
6 ACROSS THE STATE.

7 NOW, YOU HAVE AREAS THAT SOME CITIES
8 DON'T WANT TO GET DIVIDED, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT, THE
9 SUPREME COURT SAYS YOU CAN DIVIDE IT. YOU CAN DIVIDE IT
10 AROUND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, AND THOSE POLITICAL
11 LINES WEREN'T DRAWN BY LATINOS OR BY ASIANS OR AFRICAN
12 AMERICANS THAT FOUNDED THESE CITIES. THEY WERE DRAWN BY
13 WHITE MALE FARMERS, RANCHERS, LANDOWNERS THAT PROBABLY
14 DREW THEM AROUND DISTRICT LINES OR RANCHES OR WHATEVER.
15 BUT THIS ISN'T THE RANCHES.

16 THIS IS WHERE WE COME, HERE, WHERE WE
17 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF THOSE THAT ARE GOVERNED TO COME
18 FORWARD IN A PUBLIC OPEN FORUM AND ASK THAT THOSE THAT
19 HAVE CHOSEN AND HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH, SUCH AS MYSELF
20 AND OTHERS, TO BE CHOSEN BY THE PUBLIC TO GOVERN TO BE
21 ABLE TO DRAW NICE, CLEAN EQUITABLE LINES.

22 NOW, LET ME GO THROUGH THE LINES THAT
23 WE HAVE DRAWN. WE'RE LOOKING AT THE 46TH AT THE BOTTOM
24 ONE, WHICH IS EL TORO, WHICH YOU HAVE A HUGE MILITARY
25 PRESENCE IN THAT AREA OF ASIAN, BLACKS, AND HISPANICS.

1 IF YOU GO ALONG BRYAN GOING NORTH, THIS
2 IS -- IF YOU LOOK AT THE MAP ON THE 46TH, NOW THESE
3 LINES AREN'T -- THEY'RE WITHIN PROBABLY 1 PERCENT TO
4 5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL. AND WHAT WE'VE TRIED TO DO IS
5 KEEP THE COASTAL AREAS -- MR. CAMPBELL AND MR. CORREA,
6 WE TRIED TO KEEP THE CENTER PART INTACT.

7 WE'VE DIVIDED ALONG THE TOPOGRAPHIC
8 LINES OF THE MOUNTAIN AREAS, ALONG UP HERE NORTH, ALONG
9 THE OTHER AREAS UP HERE IN THE FOREST AREAS.

10 AND THEN USING THE SANTA ANA RIVER AS
11 THE DIVIDE IN SOME OF THE DISTRICTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
12 AND LOOKING AT -- BECAUSE WHAT WE HAVE FOUND -- AND I
13 THINK YOU WILL LOOK IF YOU GO TO ANY PART OF THE
14 STATE -- THE HIGH INCOME SOCIAL AREAS ARE THE ONES WITH
15 VIEWS, WHETHER IT BE AN OCEAN VIEW OR HILLSIDE MOUNTAIN
16 VIEW, AND YOU CAN'T PUT THOSE TYPE OF AREAS WHERE WE
17 HAVE -- SUCH AS SANTA ANA WHERE WE'VE JUST SEEN THE
18 HOUSING DATA COME IN, A 45,000 GROWTH OF POPULATION AND
19 THEY LOST 400 HOMES. AND IRVINE, WHICH IS NEXT TO IT,
20 HAS GROWN BY SOMETHING LIKE -- LIKE A HUNDRED THOUSAND,
21 AND THEY'VE GOT 1100 NEW HOMES.

22 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: MR. MONTEZ, I'M LOOKING AT
23 THE 46TH DISTRICT LINES ON THE MAP THAT -- THAT I HAVE,
24 AND IT MAY BE THAT, ON SOME OF THEM, THE LINES CAME OUT
25 A LITTLE MORE CLEARLY.

1 MR. MONTEZ: WELL, WE COLORED THEM AS MUCH AS
2 POSSIBLE. IT GOES THROUGH TUSTIN, WHICH IS BRIGHT RED,
3 BRYAN JUST NORTH OF THE 5 FREEWAY, IT'S THE FIRST STREET
4 JUST NORTH OF THE 5 FREEWAY. IT'S ALL THAT
5 INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OVER THERE.

6 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: I'M SORRY. I SEE THAT THE
7 COPY THAT ASSEMBLYMAN CORREA HAS SHOWS IT A LITTLE MORE
8 CLEARLY. MY COPY HAS -- ONE OF THE BOUNDARIES IS NOT
9 FULLY MARKED HERE, BUT AS LONG AS WE HAVE ONE COPY THAT
10 DOES, THAT'S FINE. OKAY. THANK YOU.

11 MR. MONTEZ: YOU GO UP THE COSTA MESA FREEWAY.

12 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU.

13 MR. MONTEZ: NOW, WE HAD TO CUT SOME LINES, AND
14 IT'S BECAUSE -- HEY, WE MAY BE ABLE TO TWEAK THEM LATER
15 ON, AND LIKE SOME OF OUR MEMBERS SAY, YOU KNOW, WE WALK
16 ACROSS FREEWAYS. WE HAVE SOME OF THE SCHOOL BOUNDARIES
17 ACROSS FREEWAYS. WE HAVE OUR KIDS HAVING TO CROSS
18 FREEWAYS.

19 BUT LET'S FACE IT, WE'VE GOT SOME OF
20 THESE LIKE THE 5 FREEWAY NOW, YOU CAN LAND A 747 ON THAT
21 THING. THAT'S EIGHT, NINE, TEN LINES -- LANES ACROSS
22 THERE.

23 AS YOU GO UP NORTH, THE COSTA MESA
24 FREEWAY AND GO UP THROUGH THE SANTA ANA RIVER UP TO THE
25 TOP, UP TO CHAPMAN AVENUE, YOU TAKE PLACENTIA, WHICH

1 IS -- IF YOU LOOK AT, HISTORICALLY, WAS A PACKING AREA
2 FOR MANY YEARS, AND THE PACKING PLANTS ARE STILL THERE
3 FOR THE AVOCADOS AND FRUIT INDUSTRY.

4 YOU GO ALONG CHAPMAN, WHICH IS RIGHT
5 ALONG THE SLOPE OF THE -- AND IF YOU LOOK BELOW CHAPMAN,
6 YOU WILL FIND HOUSING THAT WAS BUILT PRE '40S. AND
7 ABOVE CHAPMAN WAS ALL THE SUBDIVISIONS THAT WERE BUILT
8 AFTER THE WAR AND LATER ON DURING THE '60S. AND THEN
9 YOU GO UP BASTANCHURY AND THEN TRY TO GO UP LA HABRA.

10 WHAT WE TRIED TO DO HERE IS ONLY SPLIT
11 THE CITY OF ORANGE ON ONE END, TUSTIN AND FULLERTON AND
12 PLACENTIA. NOW, AT THE BOTTOM END, WE KEPT ALL OF
13 SANTA ANA INTACT. GARDEN GROVE, THE BOTTOM PERIMETER,
14 WE WENT UP JUST WEST OF BEACH BOULEVARD AND THEN UP TO
15 THE COUNTY LINE.

16 THE REASON WE DID NOT TAKE WESTMINSTER
17 IS BECAUSE MR. HERNANDEZ SUBMITTED CLOSE TO THREE
18 FEET -- I MEAN, THREE FEET OF POLITICAL MATERIAL THAT
19 WAS NEGATIVE. YOU WANT TO SEE ABOUT HATE MATERIAL, YOU
20 WANT TO SEE ABOUT NEGATIVE POLITICAL MATERIAL,
21 GENTLEMEN, YOU CAN LEARN A THING OR TWO HERE IN ORANGE
22 COUNTY. AND THEY SUPPLIED A LOT OF IT.

23 WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE AMOUNT OF HATE
24 GROUPS, SKIN HEAD GROUPS, THERE ARE MORE LOCATED IN THE
25 WESTMINSTER, FOUNTAIN VALLEY AREA THAN THERE IS IN THE

1 SOUTHERN PART OF THIS NATION.

2 NOW, SOME LOOK AT IT AS DEROGATORY, BUT
3 THAT'S FACTUAL. THOSE FACTS ARE OUT THERE.

4 NOW, LET ME TALK ABOUT NUMBERS. THE
5 46TH CONGRESSIONAL, THE WAY IT'S DRAWN NOW IS BETWEEN
6 78 AND 82 PERCENT MINORITY, AT AROUND 61 TO 65 PERCENT
7 LATINO.

8 THE 44TH, THAT'S A MIXED DISTRICT, AND
9 IT ALWAYS WILL BE. I'M A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER IN THE
10 NORTHERN PART OF THAT AREA. MY DISTRICT HAS GONE FROM
11 38 PERCENT MINORITY TO 78 PERCENT MINORITY AND FACES
12 MANY CHALLENGES IN THE LANGUAGE ISSUES, SOCIAL,
13 ECONOMIC, IMMIGRANT.

14 WE HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES THAT BIND US
15 TOGETHER FOR THE TITLE 1 PROGRAMS, THE LUNCH PROGRAMS.
16 THAT DISTRICT IS ABOUT 45 PERCENT LATINO, BUT 20-SOME
17 PERCENT -- DEPENDING ON WHICH AREAS, FROM 18 UP TO
18 25 PERCENT ASIAN, AND ABOUT 2 TO 3 PERCENT BLACK.

19 IT WOULD CONSTITUTE, WE FEEL, A
20 SECTION 2 DISTRICT AND CAN BE DEFENDABLE. IF YOU LOOK
21 AT THE COURT -- IF YOU ASK -- I WOULD ASK THAT YOUR
22 CONSULTANTS PULL THE -- I KNOW SOME OF THE CAUCUS
23 MEMBERS HAVE HIRED THE ONES THAT WE USED BEFORE AND HAVE
24 WORKED WITH US, THE SAME LAWYERS THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE
25 SECTION 5 CASES UP NORTH, AND YOU WILL SEE OUR NAME

1 LULAC ON ALL THOSE, WHETHER IT BE JUDICIAL LINES THAT
2 WE'VE HAD TO DRAW, SUPERVISORY LINES THAT WE'VE HAD TO
3 DRAW, COUNCIL LINES THAT WE'VE HAD TO DRAW OR WHETHER IT
4 BE HEALTH DISTRICTS THAT WE'VE HAD TO DRAW, YOU WILL SEE
5 OUR NAME ON THERE. WE'VE NEVER LOST.

6 WE'VE HELPED DEFINE WHAT THE COMMUNITY
7 OF INTEREST IS. WHAT MR. HERNANDEZ HAS PROVIDED YOU
8 TODAY IS BASICALLY A SUMMARY OF THE FORENSIC EVIDENCE
9 IF WE HAVE TO GO TO COURT TO DO SO.

10 NOW, WE ARE WILLING TO GO. WE WERE
11 HOPING AND WE'RE HOPING THAT THIS TIME -- AND I THINK
12 THE ONLY DAMN THING THAT MR. PETE WILSON EVER DID THAT
13 WAS GOOD WAS PROBABLY GET THE PANEL TOGETHER.

14 BUT SINCE THEN, YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD
15 VERY NEGATIVE, VERY NEGATIVE PROPOSITIONS COME OUT OF
16 THIS COUNTY, 187, 209, 226, AGAINST LABOR, AGAINST THE
17 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, AGAINST CHILDREN, AGAINST
18 EDUCATION.

19 ALL THOSE THINGS HAVE BEEN NESTLED AND
20 COME HERE. WE HAVE HAD TURMOIL IN THE ORANGE AREA WHERE
21 WE HAD 800 FAMILIES DENIED LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE IN THE
22 SCHOOL DISTRICT. THANK GOD THEY HAD A RECALL AND THREW
23 THREE OF THOSE PEOPLE OUT LAST WEEK.

24 THAT IS WHY WE ARE SEEKING PROTECTION
25 THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE -- THROUGH OUR PROCESS THAT HAS

1 BEEN GUARANTEED TO US BY THE CONSTITUTION AGAINST THE
2 EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.

3 WE CAN SEEK PROTECTION IN THE
4 JUDICIARY, AND WE HAVE SOUGHT IT THERE BEFORE BECAUSE
5 PEOPLE HAVE LACKED THE CONSCIENCE, HAVE LACKED THE
6 GOODWILL, HAVE LACKED THE GANAS Y CORAZON -- GANAS Y
7 CORAZON, THAT MEANS THE HEART AND THE GUTS -- AND THE
8 CONSCIENCE AND THE ETHICS A LOT OF TIMES, AND I -- YOU
9 KNOW, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT POLITICS, I KNOW MY WIFE
10 THINKS IT'S VERY UNETHICAL, VERY DIRTY.

11 BUT I THINK IT'S ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY,
12 AND IT'S AN OBLIGATION FOR US, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF US
13 THAT ARE VETERANS, THAT WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION ABOVE ALL
14 TO THE COMMUNITY, ABOVE ALL TO HONOR WHAT HAS MADE THIS
15 NATION GREAT, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYBODY TO WORK
16 WITHIN THE SYSTEM TO SEEK JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAY.

17 I CAN SIT HERE AND TELL YOU ABOUT ALL
18 THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE IN THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST,
19 BUT I THINK THAT'S ON THE RECORD OR WE CAN SIT IN
20 COURT. I WISH -- NOW, LET ME GO THROUGH THE ASSEMBLY
21 SEATS.

22 THE 69TH, WHICH IS MR. CORREA'S SEAT,
23 WHICH HE HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT US,
24 CURRENTLY WOULD ENCOMPASS EL TORO, TUSTIN, AND THE
25 TUSTIN AREA AND THE SMALL PORTION THERE WHERE THE

1 AIRPORT IS NOW, THAT IS NOW -- RIGHT NOW IN THE
2 46TH CONGRESSIONAL SEAT.

3 WHAT WE WOULD BE ADDING WOULD BE THOSE
4 AREAS INTO HIS DISTRICT. WE WOULD BE KEEPING SANTA ANA
5 WHOLE. WE WOULD BE MOVING UP HARBOR -- EITHER HARBOR
6 BOULEVARD OR OTHER -- OR NEWHOPE, ONE OF THOSE STREETS,
7 UP TO KATELLA, AND THEN MOVE EAST DOWN AND PICK UP THE
8 INDUSTRIAL AREA AND THEN DOWN TO CHAPMAN AVENUE.

9 MR. CORREA: EXCUSE ME, MR. MONTEZ, JUST A QUICK
10 QUESTION. UNDER THIS PROPOSAL, ARE YOU KEEPING TUSTIN
11 WHOLE AS WELL?

12 MR. MONTEZ: NO, WE ARE NOT, AND I'LL TELL YOU
13 WHY, BECAUSE TUSTIN HAS HAD A RECORD OF POLARIZED
14 NEGATIVE PUBLIC POLICY AGAINST THE MINORITY COMMUNITY.

15 IF YOU LOOK AT HISTORICALLY -- AND WE
16 CAN COME AND WE CAN DO IT EITHER HERE OR WE CAN DO IT IN
17 COURT, GENTLEMEN. WE CAN SHOW TESTIMONY AND WE CAN SHOW
18 WHERE LINES HAVE BEEN DRAWN AT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVEL
19 TO PACK ALL THE LATINO MINORITY CHILDREN INTO CERTAIN
20 SCHOOLS.

21 AND, AS YOU WELL KNOW, YOU'VE HEARD THE
22 WORDS "PACKING," "CRACKING." THAT'S WHAT THEY'VE DONE
23 AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, AND THEY'VE LEARNED IT VERY WELL.

24 AND WE ARE SEEKING REFUGE, GENTLEMEN.
25 WE ARE SEEKING LEGISLATIVE REFUGE FROM THESE TYPE OF

1 LOCAL POLITICS BECAUSE WHEN I HAVE TO GO BEFORE A
2 CITY COUNCIL, THERE IN THE ROOM WITH 200 OTHER MEMBERS
3 FROM LABOR IN THE COMMUNITY AND FROM EDUCATION AND HAD
4 TO TESTIFY AND ASK THESE PEOPLE TO DO THE RIGHT THING,
5 AND THEY REFUSED TO DO THE RIGHT THING, AND WE HAVE TO
6 GO TO THE LEGISLATURE TO SEEK FOR RELIEF FROM THE
7 CAUCUSES AND ASK RELIEF BASED ON PARTY LINES, THAT
8 SHOULDN'T BE RIGHT, GENTLEMEN.

9 AND THAT IS WHAT WE'RE ASKING TODAY. I
10 CANNOT, IN GOOD CONSCIENCE, GO OUT THERE AND SEE THESE
11 PEOPLE PICKING THE BEANS AND STRAWBERRIES AND OTHERS AND
12 LEAVE THEM TO THE BEHEST OF THESE POLITICAL SHARKS
13 LOCALLY.

14 I CANNOT DO THAT IN TRUE CONSCIENCE
15 BECAUSE THEY HAVE EDUCATIONAL ISSUES, WHETHER IT BE
16 LANGUAGE ISSUES, WHETHER IT BE ISSUES DEALING WITH
17 HEALTH CARE, WHETHER IT BE ISSUES DEALING WITH VOTER
18 REGISTRATION BECAUSE, BELIEVE ME, THE WITCH HUNTS HAVE
19 HAD IT HERE, AND MR. JONES HAS HELD THEM HERE, AND HE
20 COULDN'T PROVE ONE DARN THING ABOUT IT.

21 AND FOR HIM TO SIT OUT HERE RIGHTEOUSLY
22 AND SAY THAT HE'S GOING TO TAKE ISSUES ON OUR BEHALF, I
23 WONDER WHEN THE FOX IS GOING TO PROTECT THE HEN. WELL,
24 THIS IS ONE ROOSTER THAT AIN'T GOING TO ALLOW THE FOX IN
25 THE HEN HOUSE.

1 NOW, WE'RE LOOKING AT THE 67TH DISTRICT
2 GOING UP THE SAME -- WE'RE LOOKING AT ALMOST THE SAME
3 LINES AS THE 46TH, AND YOU'LL SEE THE SAME LINES IN THE
4 SENATE DISTRICT. GOING UP NORTH ALONG THE COSTA MESA
5 FREEWAY, GOING UP AGAINST CHAPMAN AVENUE AND UP
6 BASTANCHURY, I BELIEVE, UP TO THE LA HABRA AND PICK UP
7 THAT COMMUNITY, WE CAN DIVIDE THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT DOWN
8 TO THE I-5 OR YOU CAN COME DOWN EUCLID.

9 I THINK THAT'S A DETERMINATION THAT CAN
10 BE DETERMINED AT ONE POINT. I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING
11 THAT CAN BE -- THAT IS -- THAT COULD BE MOVED EITHER
12 WAY.

13 WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO IS TRY TO KEEP --
14 WHAT I WAS TRYING TO DO THERE WAS TRY TO KEEP THE CITY
15 OF FULLERTON, LA HABRA, AND ANAHEIM ON THAT OTHER SIDE
16 AS WHOLE AS POSSIBLE, AND THEN -- BECAUSE SOME OF THE
17 SCHOOL DISTRICT LINES ALSO BREAK AT THE FREEWAY, THAT'S
18 WHY WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT SITUATION, AND KEEP GARDEN
19 GROVE, BUENA PARK, CYPRESS, AND STANTON.

20 SO IT'S A QUESTION OF WHICH CITY DO YOU
21 BREAK. ANAHEIM IS ALREADY BROKEN, AND THAT THING GOES
22 FOR ABOUT EIGHT MILES FROM ONE SET WHERE YOU HAVE HOUSES
23 THAT ARE 2 OR \$3 MILLION TO PEOPLE THAT ARE CRAMMED
24 IN -- TWO FAMILIES INTO A 700-FOOT APARTMENT, AND I HAVE
25 THOSE SITUATIONS.

1 I THINK THERE'S ISSUES THAT SEPARATE
2 WEST ANAHEIM FROM ANAHEIM PROPER. I THINK MR. CORREA
3 CAN ATTEST TO THAT. BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF -- WE HAVE THE
4 COMMONALITY OF INTEREST THAT BINDS US IN LANGUAGE,
5 SOCIOECONOMIC, WHERE WE HAVE A LOT OF SINGLE-FAMILY
6 PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS ARE RAISING CHILDREN.

7 WHAT WE TRIED TO DO HERE IS SEE WHERE
8 WE CAN REACH A CONSENSUS WITH -- ONE WITH THE MORAL
9 WHEREAS ALSO ON THE NUMERICAL.

10 THE 68TH DISTRICT, YOU WILL FIND
11 PROBABLY TO BE MORE ASIAN, GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO
12 HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE REPRESENTATION AND VOICE IN THAT
13 AREA. IT WILL BE CLOSER PROBABLY WHERE THEY REPRESENT
14 PROBABLY 23 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION -- ABOUT
15 18 TO 20 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION AND CLOSE TO PROBABLY
16 25 TO 27 PERCENT OF THE VOTING POPULATION.

17 NOW, LET ME MOVE ON TO THE SENATE.
18 NOW, I KNOW UP IN SACRAMENTO, NESTING IS A -- IS A WORD
19 THAT MAY NOT BE WELL FELT. I BELIEVE --

20 MR. CORREA: EXCUSE ME, MR. MONTEZ, JUST ANOTHER
21 QUICK QUESTION FOR YOU.

22 ON THE -- ON THE MAP YOU'RE PROPOSING,
23 ARE YOU KEEPING TOGETHER LITTLE SAIGON AND KOREATOWN?

24 MR. MONTEZ: I BELIEVE -- WE KEPT AS MUCH OF
25 GARDEN GROVE AS POSSIBLE. WE KEPT ALL OF -- WE TOOK

1 THE BOUNDARIES OF GARDEN GROVE AT THE BOTTOM ALL THE WAY
2 UP TO BEACH -- PAST BEACH TO THE NEXT STREET -- THE NEXT
3 TRACT BEYOND BEACH.

4 THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY, IF
5 NECESSARY -- THERE'S A FEW TRACTS THAT YOU CAN TAKE IN
6 WESTMINSTER, BUT I THINK THEY HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY
7 LOOKED AT, AND YOU HAVE TO BREAK IT DOWN TO THE BLOCK.

8 BUT LET ME MAKE IT VERY CLEAR. I DO
9 NOT FEEL -- AND I THINK WHEN YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT A
10 COMMUNITY OF INTEREST, YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT 20 OR 30
11 FACTORS. SO WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK
12 AT WHERE DOES IT FIT. OUT OF THE 30 FACTORS, DOES IT
13 FIT 20 OF THEM? DOES IT FIT 5?

14 AND I CAN'T SAY, HEY, JUST BECAUSE
15 SOMEBODY HAS A STORE, WHETHER IT BE A TACO STAND OR MAY
16 HAVE A GARDENING SERVICE IN THAT AREA, CONSTITUTE A
17 BUSINESS FOR US. THAT MEANS IF NOT, THEN I WOULD TAKE
18 IN ALL OF IRVINE, ALL OF LAGUNA HILLS, AND THAT SURELY
19 ISN'T A COMMONALITY OF INTEREST.

20 IT'S AN EXCHANGE OF BARTER, EXCHANGE OF
21 MONEY, BUT IT DOES CONSTITUTE, I BELIEVE, AN ELEMENT
22 WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST. NO DIFFERENT THAN
23 LANGUAGE AND COMMERCE IS A MAJOR ELEMENT BECAUSE IF YOU
24 LOOK AT THESE COMMUNITIES, BETWEEN 1980 TO 1990, IT GREW
25 300 PERCENT, THE LATINO COMMUNITY, THE SAME WAY FOR THE

1 ASIAN COMMUNITY.

2 IF YOU LOOK AT ANY -- ANY BUSINESS
3 COMMUNITY THAT IS GROWING AND IT'S SUSTAINED THIS STATE,
4 IT HAS BEEN THE MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITIES, AND
5 WE SHOULD NOT BE DISRESPECTFUL OF THEM, BUT SOMEWHERE
6 WE'VE GOT TO CUT THE LINE, AND WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SOME
7 DETERMINATIONS FOR THOSE BUSINESSES TO HAVE A GREATER
8 VOICE. AND I BELIEVE THIS WILL GIVE THEM A GREATER
9 VOICE, I BELIEVE, IN THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE, IN OTHER
10 AREAS.

11 AND WE HAVE SEEN WHERE THEY'VE HAD
12 CANDIDATES RUN IN THOSE AREAS AND, BELIEVE ME, THEY DID
13 NOT WIN IN THOSE PRECINCTS BELOW THAT AREA, AND JUST
14 BECAUSE YOU CAN PUT IN -- SAY, IF YOU GOT 30, 40 PERCENT
15 MINORITY AND PUT THEM INTO A DISTRICT THAT HAS
16 60 PERCENT ANTI-MINORITY AND IT'S AN ANTI-MINORITY THAT
17 WILL NEVER VOTE FOR A MINORITY CANDIDATE, THAT WOULD BE
18 AN INJUSTICE.

19 YOU CANNOT PUT PULGAS IN WITH -- EL QUE
20 SE DUERME CON PERROS, SE LEVANTA CON PULGAS, HE WHO SLEEPS
21 WITH DOGS WAKES UP WITH FLEAS, AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO PUT
22 PART OF OUR HERD IN WITH THE REST OF THEM.

23 NOW, LET'S LOOK AT THE 32ND, THE SENATE
24 DISTRICT. IT FOLLOWS THE SIMILAR LINES OF THE 46TH,
25 69TH, AND THE 67TH AND 68TH. THE ONLY THING IS THE

1 SPLIT IS DOWN EUCLID AVENUE.

2 THIS WILL GIVE YOU A LINE ALMOST ALL
3 THE WAY DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE TIP OF THE CITY OF
4 SANTA ANA, AND IT WILL KEEP A LOT OF THE COMMUNITIES --
5 WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE ENTERTAINMENT AREA -- AND I THINK
6 MR. CORREA CAN ATTEST TO IT -- IS THAT WE HAVE A LARGE
7 AMOUNT OF HOUSING OCCURRING BECAUSE AN IMPACT -- BECAUSE
8 OF THE NEW HOTELS AND RESORT AREA IN DISNEY, MAJOR
9 IMPACT, WHERE WE HAD AROUND JUST 7,000 FAMILIES
10 DISPLACED FOR REHAB, AND WE'VE HAD TO -- IT'S IMPACTED
11 ALL THE WAY TO THE WEST SIDE AND OTHER AREAS.

12 SO, THERE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CUT
13 THE NUMBERS SOMEPLACE IN ORDER TO MAKE THE NUMBERS WORK,
14 AND I THINK -- IT'S GOING TO BE -- IT MAY BE ON EUCLID.
15 IT MAY BE ON BROOKHURST. IT MAY BE ON HARBOR. IT MAY
16 BE ON NEWHOPE, BUT I THINK IT'S EITHER RUNNING
17 NORTH/SOUTH OR YOU USE THE FREEWAY.

18 AND I WILL JUST REMIND THE MEMBERS
19 HERE, AND I HOPE YOU TAKE IT BACK TO SACRAMENTO, THERE'S
20 OTHER COMMUNITIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE
21 FAILED TO SHOW UP HERE TODAY. DO NOT TAKE IT THAT
22 THEY'RE NOT SUPPORTING US.

23 AND ALSO, OF THOSE THAT MAY BE
24 LOBBYING, WHETHER THEY BE THE SAME COLOR THAT I AM AND
25 SAY, HEY, YOU LACK SUBMITTING TOO AMBITIOUS A PLAN, I

1 FEEL I CAN REPRESENT MY DISTRICT, I FEEL I KNOW BEST
2 WHAT IS IN MY DISTRICT, THAT'S WHAT WE USED TO HEAR
3 LORDS AND KINGS AND NOBLES SAY ABOUT SERFS.

4 YOU HAVE THE PRIVILEGE AND YOU HAVE
5 TERM LIMITS. SADLY, SOME PEOPLE IN CONGRESS DON'T HAVE
6 THAT. I DO BELIEVE IN TERM LIMITS. I BELIEVE IT'S A
7 PRIVILEGE TO BE ELECTED. IT'S NOT A JOB WHERE YOU CAN
8 DRAW A PENSION PLAN 20 YEARS FROM NOW.

9 I ALSO BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE AN ETHICAL
10 AND MORAL STANDARD THAT YOU HAVE TO HOLD, AND SOMETIMES
11 EVEN PEOPLE OF MY OWN RACE FAIL TO SEE THAT, THAT WE
12 HAVE AN OBLIGATION THAT WE HAVE TO GIVE UP PART OF OUR
13 DISTRICT IN ORDER TO LET THE COMMUNITY GROW AND HAVE A
14 BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP AND MATURE AND HAVE
15 ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT CAN REPRESENT THEM.

16 YOU CANNOT ONLY -- BE THE ONLY QUEEN IN
17 THE HEN HOUSE, THE ONLY KING ON THE THRONE. THAT DOES
18 NOT EXIST. WE ARE A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS, AND WE REFUSE
19 TO LET ANYBODY BREAK THE LAW OR BE ABOVE THE LAW
20 REGARDLESS OF WHAT COLOR THEY ARE AND WHAT PARTY THEY
21 ARE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GENTLEMEN.

22 ANY QUESTIONS?

23 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
24 MR. MONTEZ.

25 MR. CAMPBELL HAS A QUESTION.

1 MR. CAMPBELL: A SERIES OF QUESTIONS. THANK YOU
2 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
3 TIME IN PRESENTING IT TO US.

4 MR. MONTEZ: THANK YOU.

5 MR. CAMPBELL: MY FIRST ONE WENT TO SOME OF THE
6 NUMBERING ON HERE BECAUSE YOU USE NUMBERS THAT WERE
7 DIFFERENT IN SOME CASES --

8 MR. MONTEZ: YEAH, AND IT'S -- IT'S -- I JUST --
9 TO BE -- BASICALLY, I STARTED FROM THE NORTH/SOUTH
10 FIGURING LIKE ON THE 46TH AND SOME OF THE OTHER ONES
11 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ADDING AND CHANGING.

12 THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I WANT
13 MR. ROHRBACHER TO REPRESENT US IN THE CENTER PART OF
14 THE COUNTY. BELIEVE ME, THAT'S ONE OF THE LAST PEOPLE I
15 WANT REPRESENTING US, AND AS YOU WELL KNOW,
16 MR. CAMPBELL, YOU CAN MOVE WHEREVER YOU WANT TO RUN FOR
17 OFFICE.

18 MR. CAMPBELL: ALL RIGHT.

19 MR. MONTEZ: IF THE VOTERS DESIRE YOU AND YOU
20 HAVE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, THEY WILL ELECT YOU. I THINK
21 YOU'RE A TESTAMENT TO THAT.

22 MR. CAMPBELL: THANK YOU. THEN WHAT I'D LIKE TO
23 DO, BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, IN THESE MAPS -- AND
24 UNFORTUNATELY, THE AUDIENCE DOESN'T GET TO SEE THIS --
25 THERE ARE VERY LARGE GEOGRAPHICAL DIFFERENCES.

1 DO YOU HAVE WITH YOU WHAT THE
2 POPULATIONS ARE FOR EACH ONE OF THESE DISTRICTS THAT YOU
3 LINED OUT?

4 MR. MONTEZ: LET ME -- LET ME BE HONEST WITH
5 YOU. WHERE I'M BASING THIS IS OFF -- WE'VE BEEN COMING
6 IN -- I HAVE BEEN DEALING -- I'M A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER.
7 I'VE BEEN PUTTING IN HOURS -- JUST LIKE YOU GUYS HAVE
8 BEEN DOING ON THE ENERGY ISSUE.

9 HAVING -- I LOST A SUPERINTENDENT.
10 I'VE HAD TO SPEND A LOT OF HOURS TRYING TO RECOUP ONE.
11 I'VE HAD TO DEAL WITH THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS, AND I'M
12 ALSO A BUSINESSMAN.

13 AND I THINK ANYBODY THAT HAS A BUSINESS
14 KNOWS YOU'VE GOT TO MEET THE NEEDS AT HOME ALSO. THESE
15 NUMBERS ARE PRETTY CLOSE, AND THEY'RE NOT GOING TO VARY
16 VERY MUCH. USUALLY WHEN I DRAW THEM, ANYBODY THAT'S
17 EVER SEEN ME DRAW THEM, I USUALLY COME WITHIN 1 PERCENT,
18 2 PERCENT.

19 THERE'S MOBILITY, I THINK, IF YOU LOOK
20 ON THE SENATE DISTRICT ON THE 30TH, TO GO UP AND PICK UP
21 EITHER WALNUT, DIAMOND BAR, SOME OF THOSE AREAS. YOU
22 HAVE CHINO HILLS. YOU HAVE PART OF CORONA YOU CAN MOVE
23 OR YOU CAN PICK UP PART OF THE OTHER END.

24 BUT I WOULD LIKE -- I'D RATHER -- I
25 THINK THERE'S AREAS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SEE BEING

1 PICKED UP OUT OF THE LA AREA, AND SOME OF THE -- BECAUSE
2 WHAT WE'VE NOTICED -- LET'S BE HONEST, YOU'VE GOT
3 POLITICAL FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE STATE AND
4 OTHERS IN THE NORTH, AND THE EPICENTER IS ORANGE COUNTY,
5 AND IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE.

6 AND THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO SEE
7 THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL SEAT COME OUT, RIGHT AROUND THE
8 POMONA FREEWAY AREA, AND THERE'S GOING TO BE LEFTOVER
9 PARTS. SO THERE MAY END UP BEING COMMONALITIES OF
10 INTEREST BASED ON POLITICAL AGENDAS, BUT I FEEL -- YOU
11 KNOW, WHAT WE TRY TO DO HERE IS TRY TO KEEP ORANGE
12 COUNTY AS TIGHT AS POSSIBLE.

13 NOW, IF YOU LOOK AT THE SENATE DISTRICT
14 ON THE 31ST THAT BORDERS THE LA AREA, THAT GIVES AN
15 OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE AREAS IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS,
16 LA MIRADA, WHICH USED TO BE REPRESENTED AT ONE TIME BY
17 MR. CARPENTER AND OTHERS YEARS AGO.

18 AND I THINK THERE'S A -- THERE IS A
19 COMMONALITY OF INTEREST THERE, EVEN IF YOU DIVIDED BY
20 THE 605 -- AND IF YOU'VE SEEN THE GROWTH RATES, IF YOU
21 LOOK AT THEM FROM 1970 TO 1980 TO 1990, THE LATINO
22 GROWTH RATE HAS COME UP DOWN THE 5 FREEWAY AND HAS
23 GONE -- IF YOU LOOK AT POMONA AND SOME OF THE OTHER
24 AREAS, I'M AN URBAN PLANNER, AND I'VE LOOKED AT THIS
25 OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS, WHETHER IT BE IN THE RURAL AREAS

1 OR OTHER AREAS. SO IT GIVES AN OPPORTUNITY IN THAT
2 AREA.

3 WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS MAKE SURE --
4 THAT'S WHY WE DREW IT WHERE IT COULD BE ATTACHED TO --
5 AND WE FEEL BY PEOPLE LIKE SALLY HAVICE'S DISTRICT AND
6 OTHERS THAT ARE ALONG THAT AREA, WHICH ARE MINORITY
7 DISTRICTS AND WOULD FIT THAT COMMONALITY OF INTEREST
8 BASED ON LANGUAGE, ETHNICITY, AND OTHER SOCIOECONOMIC
9 FACTORS THAT COULD BE ATTACHED TO THOSE OTHER DISTRICTS
10 ALONG THAT AREA.

11 MR. CAMPBELL: HERE'S WHAT MY CONCERN IS.

12 MR. MONTEZ: OKAY.

13 MR. CAMPBELL: WHEN I LOOK AT YOUR 46TH FOR THE
14 CONGRESSIONAL AND 69TH FOR THE ASSEMBLY, LET'S USE THAT
15 AS THE EXAMPLES.

16 MR. MONTEZ: YES, SIR.

17 MR. CAMPBELL: AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S 200,000 LESS
18 PEOPLE IN THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT THAN THERE ARE IN THE
19 CONGRESSIONAL.

20 YOU'VE X'D OUT, BY THE WAY YOU'VE DRAWN
21 THIS, A COUPLE SMALL PORTIONS, A PIECE OF ORANGE AND
22 ANOTHER SECTION THAT LOOKS LIKE A LITTLE BIT OF SANTA
23 ANA. IT DOESN'T LOOK TO ME LIKE YOU'VE TAKEN
24 OUT 200,000 PEOPLE --

25 MR. MONTEZ: IT DOESN'T LOOK -- OKAY,

1 MR. CAMPBELL, LET ME GIVE YOU A REAL QUICK COURSE IN
2 URBAN PLANNING.

3 MR. CAMPBELL: SURE.

4 MR. MONTEZ: TAKE A LOOK AT -- SEE WHERE THE
5 WORD "TUSTIN" IS?

6 MR. CAMPBELL: YEP.

7 MR. MONTEZ: YOU'LL SEE THREE CENSUS TRACTS
8 RIGHT IN THERE. THOSE CENSUS TRACTS REPRESENT ABOUT
9 8,000 PEOPLE, 9,000 PEOPLE. THE SMALLER THE TRACT
10 SOMETIMES THE MORE PEOPLE.

11 NOW, THIS IS ONE I DID -- I DID CALC
12 OUT BOTH OF THOSE, THE 46TH AND THE 69TH. THE 46TH IS
13 WITHIN 5,000 PEOPLE OF THE NUMERICAL VALUE, AND THE 69TH
14 RIGHT NOW IS PROBABLY ABOUT 1 PERCENT BECAUSE -- AND I
15 THINK MR. CORREA WILL ATTEST, THOSE -- THERE IS A LOT OF
16 PEOPLE, AND SANTA ANA, LIKE I SAID, GREW WITHIN THAT
17 AREA TREMENDOUSLY.

18 AND IF YOU TAKE SOME OF THOSE TRACTS,
19 YOU WILL FIND 10,000 PEOPLE IN SOME OF THOSE TRACTS,
20 8,000 PEOPLE, WHEREAS IF YOU LOOK IN YOUR DISTRICT --
21 AND THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT A
22 DISTRICT AND YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE HOUSING SITUATION IN
23 VILLA PARK OR, LET'S SAY, WHERE YOU USED TO REPRESENT IN
24 FULLERTON, IN THE BOTTOM PART WHERE A HOUSE IS 700
25 SQUARE FEET AND THERE'S TWO FAMILIES, YOU HAVE

1 7,000-FOOT HOMES IN YOUR DISTRICT ON FOUR-ACRE LOTS OR
2 TEN-ACRE LOTS. WE DON'T ENJOY THAT IN THE URBAN CENTER.

3 THAT'S WHY WE NEED THOSE AREAS BECAUSE
4 THEY'RE DIFFERENT. THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM THE AREAS
5 THAT YOU REPRESENT ALONG THE COAST OR THOSE AREAS ALONG
6 THE FOOTHILLS BECAUSE THE IMPACTNESS OF HOUSING ISSUES
7 WHERE WE HAVE MULTIPLE FAMILIES LIVING IN THOSE HOMES,
8 WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ACREAGE.

9 WHEN PEOPLE TALK ABOUT HOW MUCH ACREAGE
10 DO YOU HAVE OR WHAT SIZE OF GARAGES OR WHAT BMW THEY
11 HAVE, THESE PEOPLE ARE TALKING DO YOU TAKE THE BUS, DO
12 YOU TAKE THE TRAIN, DO YOU TAKE A BICYCLE TO WORK.
13 THESE ARE THE ISSUES THAT ARE PERTINENT TO US. THESE
14 ARE THE ISSUES, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THESE THINGS, THAT
15 MAKE US DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF THE COUNTY.

16 MR. CAMPBELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU,
17 MR. CHAIRMAN.

18 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
19 MR. CAMPBELL.

20 WERE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR
21 MR. MONTEZ?

22 MR. MONTEZ, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE
23 APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME TO PREPARE ALL THIS
24 MATERIAL FOR US.

25 MR. MONTEZ: IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL

1 FREE TO CALL LULAC'S OFFICE, AND WE'LL BE GLAD TO MEET
2 WITH YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GENTLEMEN.

3 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU AGAIN, SIR.

4 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE
5 REPORTED BY MARGARET A. SMITH.)

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1 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU AGAIN, SIR.
2 WE ARE -- AT THIS TIME, LET ME JUST REAL QUICK DOUBLECHECK
3 ONE MORE TIME BEFORE I GO ON TO THE NEXT NAMES THAT
4 NEITHER MR. ALEXARDO NOR MAYOR PAUL FREEMAN WERE HERE, IF
5 EITHER OF THEM HAVE ARRIVED. OKAY.
6 GOING ON TO, I HAVE MY NEXT INDIVIDUAL,
7 MR. PAUL GARZA, AND AFTER MR. GARZA -- AND, AGAIN, I WOULD
8 REMIND PEOPLE TO BOTH SPEAK AT A SLOW PACE, IF YOU CAN,
9 AND ALSO TO SPELL YOUR NAMES.
10 AFTER MR. GARZA WILL BE MR. ARTURO JIMENEZ.
11 MR. GARZA: GOOD AFTERNOON. AGAIN, MY NAME
12 IS PAUL GARZA, G-A-R-Z-A.
13 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
14 TALK TO YOU ABOUT ORANGE COUNTY.
15 I'M THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR
16 RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT. I WANT TO
17 TALK ABOUT COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, AT LEAST AS I SEE THEM
18 IN MY WORK AND SOME OF MY OTHER EXPERIENCES, AS WITH
19 RESPECT TO THE ECONOMIC ISSUES THAT ARE FACING THE COUNTY.
20 IN ADDITION TO MY DUTIES OR MAYBE PERHAPS
21 BECAUSE OF THOSE DUTIES, I AM A BOARD MEMBER FOR SOME OF
22 THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE VERY ACTIVE IN
23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ALLOW ME I THINK TO EXPERIENCE
24 THESE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN OTHER WAYS. THESE
25 ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE THE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF

1 ORANGE COUNTY, THE SANTA ANA EMPOWERMENT ZONE CORPORATION
2 OR FEDERAL EMPOWERMENT ZONE, NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES
3 OF ORANGE COUNTY, AND THE HISPANIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF
4 ORANGE COUNTY'S UNITED WAY.

5 AS YOU LOOK AT ORANGE COUNTY, IT'S IMPORTANT,
6 ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO DETERMINING WHERE WILL THE
7 LINES BE DRAWN, THAT THE FIRST DISTINCTION THAT NEEDS TO
8 BE MADE IS THAT THERE ARE TWO DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT
9 COMMUNITIES IN ORANGE COUNTY. AND THOSE OF US IN ECONOMIC
10 DEVELOPMENT REFER TO THESE AS THE TWO COUNTIES OF ORANGE
11 COUNTY. THE FIRST IS THE WELL KNOWN ORANGE COUNTY
12 STEREOTYPE: PROSPEROUS, AFFLUENT, WHICH REPRESENTS
13 PRIMARILY COASTAL AND SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY.

14 I KNOW IN SAYING THAT, I LOOK AT
15 ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAUCHER, AND THAT LEAVES BREA OUT. BUT
16 GENERALLY THAT'S TRUE. AND THE SECOND WE CALL CENTRAL
17 ORANGE COUNTY. THESE TWO COUNTIES ARE DRAMATICALLY
18 DIFFERENT. CENTRAL ORANGE COUNTY IS BORDERED GENERALLY BY
19 THE 91 FREEWAY TO THE NORTH, THE 405 FREEWAY TO THE SOUTH,
20 BEACH BOULEVARD OR HIGHWAY 39 TO THE WEST, AND THE 55
21 FREEWAY TO THE EAST.

22 THESE TWO REGIONS SHARE VERY LITTLE IN COMMON
23 WITH EACH OTHER. CENTRAL ORANGE COUNTY IS THE HOME OF
24 ORANGE COUNTY'S ETHNIC COMMUNITIES, FOR THE MOST PART,
25 IMMIGRANT-BASED COMMUNITIES, AND BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

1 THAT ARE TRADITIONAL AS OPPOSED TO HIGH TECH.

2 OVERALL, CERTAINLY ORANGE COUNTY IS VERY
3 PROSPEROUS. AS AN EXAMPLE, IT'S THE FOURTH IN THE UNITED
4 STATES IN PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS EARNING 100,000 DOLLARS
5 OR MORE INCOME. AT THE SAME TIME, IF WE CONTRAST THE TWO
6 CITIES THAT BORDER EACH OTHER, THIS DISTINCTION I'M TRYING
7 TO DRAW BETWEEN SOUTH CENTRAL -- OR BETWEEN CENTRAL ORANGE
8 COUNTY AND SOUTH COASTAL BECOMES VERY CLEAR. AND THOSE
9 CITIES ARE THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE CITY OF SANTA ANA,
10 THE CITY OF IRVINE, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTH
11 COUNTY, AND SANTA ANA, WHICH IS THE CORE OF THE CENTRAL
12 ORANGE COUNTY.

13 THE ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL, THE
14 LEAGUE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
15 FOR THIS COUNTY, HAS PUT TOGETHER SOME VERY IMPORTANT DATA
16 THAT DEMONSTRATE THESE DIFFERENCES. FIRST, PER CAPITA
17 INCOME, AS OF 1997, AT LEAST, IN IRVINE, IS 36,700
18 DOLLARS. IN SANTA ANA FOR THE SAME PERIOD, IT'S 14,500
19 DOLLARS, AND THAT CONTRASTS WITH THE COUNTY AVERAGE OF
20 28,900 DOLLARS. VERY, VERY DRAMATIC DIFFERENCES.

21 CERTAINLY, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOLLOW. WHILE
22 THE UNEMPLOYMENT IN ORANGE COUNTY IS GENERALLY LOW, IN
23 CENTRAL ORANGE COUNTY, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY CITY ARE
24 HIGHER 30 TO 50 PERCENT THAN THE OVERALL COUNTY'S AVERAGE.
25 THERE ARE SOME OTHER VERY DRAMATIC INDICATORS

1 AS WELL. THE AVERAGE S.A.T. SCORE FOR IRVINE IN 1998 FOR
2 AN IRVINE STUDENT WAS 1,159. FOR A SANTA ANA STUDENT, IT
3 WAS 879. THE PERCENTAGE OF WORK FORCE THAT WERE ELIGIBLE
4 TO ENROLL IN THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN IRVINE WAS 74
5 PERCENT. IN SANTA ANA, IT WAS 22 PERCENT. THE FOUR-YEAR
6 DROPOUT RATE IN IRVINE WAS 8 PERCENT, AND IN SANTA ANA,
7 IT'S 22 PERCENT. VERY, VERY DRAMATIC DIFFERENCES.

8 THESE INDICATORS ARE OFFERED TO DEMONSTRATE
9 THE DIVIDE BETWEEN CENTRAL ORANGE COUNTY AND THE COASTAL
10 SOUTH PORTIONS OF ORANGE COUNTY, AND I THINK THEY NEED,
11 THEREFORE, TO KEEP THESE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST TOGETHER.
12 AND I THINK THIS BECOMES OBVIOUS WHEN YOU LOOK AT THESE
13 KINDS OF NUMBERS.

14 THE OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS OF CENTRAL ORANGE
15 COUNTY ARE ANAHEIM, WHICH WE MIGHT REFER TO AS EAST OR
16 CENTRAL, AND THAT EXCEPTS, OBVIOUSLY, ANAHEIM HILLS. AND
17 THEN EASTERN GARDEN GROVE. THE COUNTY'S OVERALL
18 PERCENTAGE OF LATINOS IN KINDERGARTEN FOR THE YEAR 1997
19 WAS 47.7 PERCENT. YET, IN THE ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
20 DISTRICT, IT WAS 79 PERCENT. IN SANTA ANA UNIFIED, IT WAS
21 93 PERCENT. GARDEN GROVE SLIGHTLY OVER THE COUNTY AVERAGE
22 AT 50 PERCENT FOR THAT SAME YEAR. BUT IF WE COULD EXEMPT
23 THE REST OF GARDEN GROVE FROM EASTERN GARDEN GROVE, WE
24 WOULD SEE THE VERY SAME KINDS OF FIGURES THAT WE SEE IN
25 ANAHEIM AND GARDEN GROVE.

1 THERE ARE OTHER CHARACTERISTICS IN THIS
2 CENTRAL ORANGE COUNTY AS WELL. SANTA ANA IS 79 PERCENT
3 LATINO. THAT MAKES IT THE THIRD HIGHEST LATINO POPULATION
4 IN THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO GOVERNING MAGAZINE. IN
5 ADDITION, SANTA ANA BY PERCENTAGE IS THE THIRD MOST LATINO
6 CITY IN CALIFORNIA.

7 IT CAN BE ARGUED THAT THE LATINO COMMUNITY IS
8 IN AND OF ITSELF DIVERSE, AND I THINK THAT'S A REASONABLE
9 ARGUMENT. HOWEVER, WHEN WE LOOK AT THE NUMBERS IN SANTA
10 ANA, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE SOME
11 CHARACTERISTICS THAT REALLY DO KEEP THESE COMMUNITIES
12 TOGETHER AND VERY SIMILAR.

13 FOR INSTANCE, ACCORDING TO THE 1990 CENSUS
14 DATA -- AND I DON'T HAVE THE 2000 DATA AT THIS POINT. BUT
15 NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF SANTA ANA'S FAMILIES SPOKE SPANISH AT
16 HOME. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THIS WILL BE EVEN MORE
17 DRAMATIC WITH THE NEW -- AS WE GET THE DEEPER CENSUS DATA.

18 ADDITIONALLY, IN THE 1990 CENSUS, AGAIN,
19 149,445 OF SANTA ANA'S 293-PLUS RESIDENTS, LATINO
20 RESIDENTS, WERE IMMIGRANTS. SO I THINK AGAIN WE FIND A
21 COMMUNITY OF INTEREST HERE.

22 WHAT ELSE ARGUES FOR A COMMUNITY OF
23 INTEREST. CALIFORNIA'S AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD IS 2.87. ORANGE
24 COUNTY'S IS SLIGHTLY ABOVE THAT AT 3. BUT SANTA ANA'S
25 FAMILIES ARE CONSIDERABLY LARGER AND HAVE A VERY DRAMATIC

1 DIFFERENCE WITH THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD BEING 4.55 MEMBERS.
2 I THINK AGAIN THE OTHER THINGS I WOULD POINT OUT IS THAT
3 SANTA ANA HAS A FEDERAL EMPOWERMENT ZONE AND A STATE
4 ENTERPRISE ZONE WHICH INDICATE, AGAIN, I THINK ITS
5 DISTINCTION FROM THE REST OF THE COUNTY.

6 IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE AND IT'S
7 DIFFICULT TO PULL OUT BECAUSE WE DON'T -- WHEN WE LOOK AT
8 CITY NUMBERS, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE CONGREGATED. BUT WE FIND
9 THE SAME CHARACTERISTICS AGAIN IN EASTERN GARDEN GROVE IN
10 THE CENTRAL OR EASTERN PORTIONS OF ANAHEIM. AND THESE
11 AREAS ARE ALL CONTIGUOUS.

12 THE FINAL LINK I THINK SUGGESTED BY THE
13 NUMBERS I'VE ALREADY PRESENTED, CENTRAL ORANGE COUNTY AND
14 ESPECIALLY SANTA ANA, EASTERN GARDEN GROVE, AND CENTRAL
15 ANAHEIM, WORKERS REPRESENT THE BULK OF ORANGE COUNTY'S
16 LOWER RAGE WORKERS. THE COST LIVING IN ORANGE COUNTY IS
17 REALLY QUITE HIGH. THE WAGE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT A FAMILY
18 OF FOUR AT A MINIMUM LEVEL WITH TWO WAGE EARNERS -- AND
19 THIS IS NUMBERS ACCORDING TO THE ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS
20 COUNCIL, AGAIN, IS 11 DOLLARS AND 51 CENTS. IF A FAMILY
21 HAS ONLY ONE WAGE EARNER, THEN THAT INDIVIDUAL NEEDS TO
22 EARN 15 DOLLARS AND 51 CENTS, AND THAT INCLUDES FRINGE
23 BENEFITS. VERY SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS IN THE CENTRAL PART OF
24 THE -- VERY SUBSTANTIAL WORKERS IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE
25 COUNTY EARN LESS THAN THOSE RATES. THEREFORE, THEY WORK

1 MORE THAN ONE JOB, OFTEN MANY JOBS TO SUPPORT THEIR
2 FAMILIES.

3 THE OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF THESE WORKERS IS
4 SUGGESTED BY SOME OF THE ABOVE NUMBERS ABOUT SPANISH
5 SPEAKING AND IMMIGRANTS, AND THEY'RE NOT SURPRISING. THEY
6 ARE PRIMARILY LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT, AND THIS CREATES
7 A HUGE BARRIER TO THE EARNING POTENTIAL BUT I THINK ALSO
8 INDICATES AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY OF INTEREST THAT REQUIRES
9 THE ATTENTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE.

10 I'D LIKE TO MENTION THAT RANCHO SANTIAGO
11 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT IS VERY ACTIVE IN WORKING TO
12 MEET THESE UNIQUE AND SPECIAL NEEDS IN THESE COMMUNITIES,
13 BUT WE BELIEVE TO BE EFFECTIVE, WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO PLAN
14 FOR AND HAVE PROVIDED RESOURCES AND SERVICES THAT MEET THE
15 NEEDS OF THESE FOLKS.

16 THE NEXT COMMUNITY OF INTEREST I'D LIKE TO
17 ARGUE FOR IS SMALL BUSINESS. AND THERE'S BEEN SOME VERY
18 GOOD I THINK DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS ALREADY. SO HOPEFULLY
19 IT WON'T TAKE TOO MUCH MORE OF YOUR TIME.

20 ORANGE COUNTY IS PRIMARILY A SMALL BUSINESS
21 COMMUNITY. THAT'S TRUE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. CONTACTS
22 INFLUENTIAL HAS INDICATED THAT MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF
23 ORANGE COUNTY'S BUSINESSES EMPLOY LESS THAN 19
24 INDIVIDUALS. ONE OF THE PROGRAMS THAT I HAVE
25 RESPONSIBILITY FOR IS THE ORANGE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS

1 DEVELOPMENT CENTER. AS THE NAME INDICATES, WE PROVIDE
2 SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY, BUT IN ORDER TO
3 SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES WELL, WE OFFER THOSE SERVICES IN
4 ENGLISH, SPANISH, VIETNAMESE, KOREAN, AND CHINESE. ALSO
5 HINDU. I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT. THE MERRILL LYNCH STUDY
6 THAT WAS DONE ON SMALL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
7 IS AN EXCELLENT STUDY, AND I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT
8 THAT YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. BUT IT'S ALREADY BEEN CITED
9 IN SOME OF THE FINDINGS. AND I WOULD CERTAINLY ENDORSE
10 THE COMMENTS EARLIER MADE BY MR. NGUYEN, MS. FOO, AND MR.
11 PAK. I THINK IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT THE VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN
12 AND KOREAN-AMERICAN OWNED AND OPERATED SMALL BUSINESS BE
13 KEPT TOGETHER. I THINK THEY REPRESENT A COMMUNITY OF
14 INTEREST. WE CERTAINLY SEE THAT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE,
15 TRYING TO SERVE THOSE COMMUNITIES WELL.

16 WITH RESPECT TO LATINO-OWNED BUSINESSES, THEY
17 ARE TYPICALLY, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE POCKETS THROUGHOUT THE
18 COUNTY, BUT THEY'RE TYPICALLY CLUSTERED IN THAT SAME AREA
19 THAT I SPOKE OF BEFORE, OF SANTA ANA, EASTERN GARDEN
20 GROVE, AND CENTRAL OR EASTERN ANAHEIM. WHAT'S INTERESTING
21 IS THAT THESE ARE AREAS THAT ARE, OF COURSE, ALSO
22 CONTIGUOUS.

23 THE MAJOR PROBLEM IDENTIFIED BY THE MERRILL
24 LYNCH STUDY AS WELL AS AN EARLIER STUDY THAT WAS DONE BY
25 WELLS FARGO BANK WITH RESPECT TO MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES

1 IS THE PROBLEM OF ACCESS TO CAPITAL. THIS IS CLEARLY A
2 PROBLEM, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, IN TERMS OF OPERATIONS. IT
3 LIMITS THEIR ABILITY TO GROW. ONE OF THE CRITICAL THINGS
4 THAT IT DOES AS WELL IS IT LIMITS THEIR ABILITY TO PROCURE
5 AND BE COMPETITIVE, EITHER FOR STATE CONTRACTS OR
6 CONTRACTS FROM LARGE INDUSTRIES.

7 AND, FORTUNATELY, THE ASSEMBLYMEMBER FOR
8 SANTA ANA HAS DONE SOME VERY GOOD WORK IN BRINGING SMALL
9 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION TO SANTA ANA. WE
10 HOPE THAT THE DESIGNATION WILL OCCUR AND AN AWARD WILL BE
11 MADE IN AUGUST, AND THEN HOPEFULLY, SEPTEMBER WE WILL
12 BEGIN TO HAVE THAT RESOURCE HERE AS WELL. THIS PROGRAM
13 MAY MAKE A VERY IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE TO BUSINESS OWNERS.

14 BUT I WANT TO ALSO OBSERVE ONE OF THE GREAT
15 THINGS I THINK ABOUT HAVING CONCERN FOR SMALL BUSINESS IN
16 ORANGE COUNTY, AS I DO, IS THAT OUR ENTIRE ASSEMBLY
17 DELEGATION IS REALLY OUTSTANDING, AND CERTAINLY
18 ASSEMBLYMEMBER CAMPBELL, IN REGARD TO SMALL BUSINESS
19 ADVOCACY. AND THAT CERTAINLY INCLUDES ASSEMBLYMEMBER
20 DAUCHER, ASSEMBLYMEMBER CAMPBELL, AND ASSEMBLYMEMBER
21 MADDOX WHO WAS HERE BEFORE. THEY'RE ALL EXCELLENT
22 ADVOCATES FOR SMALL BUSINESS.

23 IF I CAN JUST KIND OF BRING THIS TO A
24 CONCLUSION, FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
25 I THINK IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE KEEP THESE COMMUNITIES THAT

1 HAVE SHARED CHARACTERISTICS, SHARED CHALLENGES, AND SHARED
2 NEEDS TOGETHER. AND I WOULD CITE THAT THAT ONE AREA,
3 AGAIN, OF SANTA ANA, EASTERN GARDEN GROVE, CENTRAL OR
4 EASTERN ANAHEIM AND THEN THE OTHER GROUP THAT I THINK IS
5 VERY CLEAR, THE VIETNAMESE AMERICANS, KOREAN-AMERICANS,
6 AND MANY OTHER ASIAN AMERICAN GROUPS THAT ARE CLUSTERED AS
7 WELL.

8 AGAIN, IF WE WANT TO -- IF WE CAN KEEP THESE
9 COMMUNITIES TOGETHER, WE CAN WORK TO BETTER PLAN FOR AND
10 PROVIDE THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED.

11 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE
13 APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME TO BE WITH US, AGAIN, MR.
14 GARZA.

15 NEXT, WE HAVE MR. ARTURO JIMENEZ. AND
16 MR. JIMENEZ WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MR. JACK HUMPHREY, WHO
17 WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MR. ROSS ROMERO, IF THESE FOLKS ARE
18 HERE.

19 MR. JIMENEZ, YOU HAVE THE MIC.

20 MR. JIMENEZ: GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. LONGVILLE,
21 AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE
22 BEFORE YOU. I'M HERE, REPRESENTING THE CITY OF POMONA.
23 WE ARE, IF WE ARE ANYTHING ELSE, THE POSTER CHILD OF WHAT
24 YOU SHOULD NOT DO TO A CITY AT REAPPORTIONMENT. IT'S BEEN
25 OUR SAD EXPERIENCE THAT HAVING THREE ASSEMBLYMEMBERS, TWO

1 STATE SENATORS, TWO CONGRESSMEN, TWO SUPERVISORIAL L.A.
2 COUNTY SUPERVISORS.

3 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: SIR, CAN YOU SLOW DOWN A
4 LITTLE BIT.

5 MR. JIMENEZ: I'M VERY SORRY.

6 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT.
7 I DO IT MYSELF. I UNDERSTAND. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

8 MR. JIMENEZ: IT HAS NOT HELPED US AT ALL.
9 IN THE CITY, AS THAT A COMMUNITY OR AN ASSEMBLY DISTRICT,
10 OR THESE DISTRICTS SHOULD BE ADJOINED BY INTERESTS OF
11 COMMONALITY BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES. POMONA DOES NOT
12 SHARE TOO MANY INTERESTS OR IS NOT TOO COMMON TO CHINO
13 HILLS, TO #LA VERNE, TO SAN #DIMAS, TO COVINA, TO
14 #CLAREMONT. IT'S NOT VERY -- IF ANYTHING, WE'RE MORE OF A
15 -- WE HAVE MORE IN COMMON WITH ONTARIO, PARTS OF CHINO,
16 AND #MONTCLAIR. BUT WHEN YOU GO TO DO YOUR REDRAWING THIS
17 TIME AROUND, IT IS THE CONCERN AND IT IS THE OPINION OF
18 MANY OF THE CITIZENRY WITHIN THE CITY OF POMONA THAT YOU
19 SHOULD RETHINK ABOUT KEEPING THE CITY AS A WHOLE THIS
20 TIME.

21 WE HAVE BEEN, YOU KNOW -- WE WERE DEALT A
22 BLOW MANY YEARS AGO, BEING THROWN APART. FROM THAT, I CAN
23 ATTEST -- I'M SORRY TO HAVE NOT SAID THAT I'VE BEEN A
24 PLANNING COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF POMONA AND I'VE BEEN
25 A COMMUNITY OF LIFE COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF POMONA

1 FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS.

2 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: WHICH COMMISSIONER?

3 MR. JIMENEZ: COMMUNITY OF LIFE

4 COMMMISSIONER.

5 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: COMMUNITY LIFE?

6 MR. JIMENEZ: YES, UNDER DISTRICT 3, CRISTINA

7 CARRIZASO. I'VE BEEN A PLANNING COMMISSIONER, A COMMUNITY

8 LIFE COMMISSIONER FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS. I WAS

9 APPOINTED BY CRISTINA CARRIZASO, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR

10 DISTRICT 3 FOR THE CITY OF POMONA.

11 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: CAN YOU SPELL THAT NAME.

12 MR. JIMENEZ: CARRIZASO, C-A-R-R-I-Z-A-S-O.

13 AND CRISTINA IS WITHOUT AN H, CRISTINA, C-R-I-S-T-I-N-A.

14 IT HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO GROW OUR

15 COMMUNITY FROM AN ECONOMIC SITUATION. IT IS VERY EASY FOR

16 THE ASSEMBLYMEMBERS IN THE AREA TO LOOK EASIER TO THE

17 DIAMOND BAR IN THAT AREA, TO LOOK TO DIAMOND BAR, TO THE

18 COMMUNITIES TO THE SOUTH FOR MR. MCCLEOD'S DISTRICT, TO

19 LOOK MORE TOWARDS ONTARIO AND ONTARIO AIRPORT AREA OR MR.

20 ROB POCHKO TO LOOK TO THE WEST COVINA AND THE #SAN

21 GABRIEL VALLEY AREA. POMONA HASN'T HAD -- ALTHOUGH WE ARE

22 ONE CONTIGUOUS COMMUNITY WITHIN THE CITY OF POMONA, WE'RE

23 PREDOMINANTLY HISPANIC, 65 PERCENT. THE CITY HAS BEEN

24 AROUND FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS. SO IT DOES HAVE A STRONG

25 CULTURAL AND -- A STRONG CULTURAL, CIVIC LIFE.

1 YET, EVERY TIME WE HAVE A PROBLEM SUCH AS
2 EDUCATION, FOR EXAMPLE, EARLIER MR. KEN MADDOX ASKED FOR
3 OR MAYBE ONE OF THE EARLIER SPEAKERS TO PUT ON POINT WHY
4 SUCH A COMMUNITY SHOULD COME TOGETHER VERSUS KEEPING IT
5 APART. IT WOULD BE WE DO HAVE -- ALTHOUGH THE CITY OF
6 POMONA HAS 36,000 KIDS IN THE SCHOOLS THERE, THE SCHOOL
7 DISTRICT SERVES BOTH POMONA AND DIAMOND BAR. ALTHOUGH IN
8 POMONA THE KIDS HAVE TO GO TO AT GARY HIGH SCHOOL, THEY
9 HAVE TO GO HOME TO GO TO THE BATHROOM. THAT SCHOOL
10 DISTRICT HAS BUILT A BEAUTIFUL 32-MILLION-DOLLAR
11 HIGH SCHOOL NOT TWO MILES AWAY FROM THERE AT THE TOP OF A
12 HILL CALLED DIAMOND RANCH. SO IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO
13 ALIGN TO GET HELP FROM THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE AND TO FOCUS
14 THEM ON SOME OF THE LOCAL PROBLEMS THAT WE DO HAVE THERE.

15 ANOTHER THING THAT HAS HAPPENED ALSO AS A
16 PRIME EXAMPLE, THE 71 AND THE 60 FREEWAY WHERE THEY COME
17 TOGETHER, IT IS A SHAME WHAT HAS HAPPENED THERE WITH THE
18 CAL TRANS NOT FINISHING THE WORK THERE WHEN THEY SHOULD
19 HAVE. AND THE POOR I GUESS MANAGEMENT AND FORWARD
20 THINKING OF HOW THEY WERE GOING TO LANDSCAPE THERE, IT'S
21 TERRIBLE. THERE'S JUST BARBED WIRE, AND NOTHING IS
22 FINISHED. IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, YET,
23 WE CANNOT GET -- IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO GET OUR LOCAL
24 REPRESENTATIVE TO REALLY FOCUS THERE BECAUSE THE OTHER
25 COMMUNITIES OVERPOWER THAT ONE SECTION BECAUSE ONLY A

1 #PHILLIPS RANCH IS GOVERNED MOUNT JOY OR A SLIVER IS
2 GOVERNED BY MCCLEOD OR ANOTHER SLIVER IN THE NORTH IS
3 GOVERNED BY POCHEKO. SO IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO DO THAT.
4 SO IN ESSENCE WHAT I'M HERE TO ASK YOU IS TO PLEASE
5 RETHINK WHEN YOU GO TO REAPPORTIONMENT, TO REDRAWING THE
6 BOUNDARY, TO KEEP POMONA AS A WHOLE, THAT WE DO NOT SHARE
7 COMMON INTERESTS WITH DIAMOND BAR, #CHINO HILLS, WITH
8 LAVERNE, WITH COVINA, WITH SAN DIMAS, WITH CLAIREMONT. IF
9 ANYTHING, WE SHARE MORE INTERESTS WITH PARTS OF ONTARIO
10 AND MONCLAIR AND CHINO ITSELF. SO POMONA HAS BEEN THE
11 ORPHAN CHILD OF L.A. COUNTY. WE LIKE TO SAY THAT OVER
12 THERE BECAUSE ONCE YOU'RE PAST #KELLOGG HILL, YOU'RE IN
13 THE INLAND VALLEY. SO FOR THOSE REASONS, YOU KNOW, WE
14 HAVE HAD MANY, MANY DIFFICULTIES OVER THERE AND TRYING TO
15 GAIN A BETTER SUSTAINED ECONOMIC FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

16 WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
18 COMING HERE, MR. JIMENEZ.

19 MR. LEONARD: MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN I ASK A
20 QUESTION. YOUR ARGUMENT ABOUT NOT DIVIDING POMONA IS
21 WELL MADE. AND I AGREE IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN CUT UP IN
22 EVERY REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR DECADES. WHAT IS THE
23 POPULATION OF THE CITY UP TO NOW?

24 MR. JIMENEZ: AS I UNDERSTAND, IT'S CLOSE TO
25 160,000.

1 MR. LEONARD: SO IT'S LESS THAN ONE HALF OF
2 ONE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT?

3 MR. JIMENEZ: YES, IT IS.

4 MR. LEONARD: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU AGAIN,
6 MR. JIMENEZ.

7 OUR NEXT WITNESS WILL BE
8 MR. JACK HUMPHREY. BEFORE I HAVE MR. HUMPHREY SPEAK,
9 THOUGH, LET ME NOTE THAT SOMEONE HAD LOST WHAT APPEARS TO
10 BE A BRACELET IN THE LOBBY. IF THERE'S SOMEBODY HERE WHO
11 IS MISSING ONE. I'M ASSUMING A BRACELET. I'M 51 YEARS
12 OLD. I FIND PEOPLE WEAR JEWELRY IN HOLES AND PLACES THAT
13 ARE A LOT DIFFERENT THAN I'M USED TO. I'M ASSUMING IT'S A
14 BRACELET. I DON'T KNOW. IN ANY EVENT, IF SOMEONE IS
15 MISSING IT, LET ONE OF THE STAFF PEOPLE KNOW.
16 MR. HUMPHREY, WITH THAT, YOU CAN HAVE THE MIC.

17 MR. HUMPHREY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD
18 AFTERNOON HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
19 COMMITTEE. MY NAME IS JACK HUMPHREY. I'M THE ADVANCED
20 PLANNING OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. THANK YOU
21 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU REGARDING
22 REDISTRICTING. AND THE ISSUE OF REDISTRICTING IS OF
23 CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO OUR CITY AND ITS RESIDENTS.
24 LONG BEACH IS HOME TO OVER 460,000 RESIDENTS OF VERY
25 DIVERSE ETHNIC AND SOCIOECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS. WE ARE HOME

1 TO THE SECOND LARGEST PORT IN THE NATION, A STATE
2 UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, EXPANDING RETAIL,
3 TECHNOLOGICAL AND TOURISM INDUSTRIES AND A VARIETY OF
4 RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING THE
5 AQUARIUM AT THE PACIFIC, AND THE QUEEN MARY.

6 ENSURING THAT OUR DIVERSE RESIDENTIAL AND
7 COMMERCIAL PRIORITIES ARE APPROPRIATELY REPRESENTED IN THE
8 STATE LEGISLATURE IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE CITY. WE
9 ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE CITY OF LONG BEACH HAS BEEN
10 THE RECIPIENT OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT AS A RESULT OF THE
11 WORK AND DILIGENCE OF OUR FOUR ACTIVE STATE
12 ASSEMBLYMEMBERS. WE FEEL THE VALUE OF MULTIPLE ASSEMBLY
13 REPRESENTATIVES TO A LARGE AND DIVERSE CITY SUCH AS
14 LONG BEACH RESULTS FROM THE FACT THAT ASSEMBLY
15 REPRESENTATIVES TEND TO BE ASSIGNED BY THE LEADERSHIP TO A
16 VARIETY OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES.

17 THEREFORE, THE MORE MEMBERS A CITY HAS, THE
18 BETTER THE CHANCES THAT THE CITY WILL END UP WITH BETTER
19 REPRESENTATION ON THOSE MULTIPLE COMMITTEES. AND, OF
20 COURSE, OVER TIME, THROUGH SENIORITY AND PERFORMANCE, AN
21 ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE WILL LIKELY BE SELECTED FOR KEY
22 POSITIONS ON KEY COMMITTEES. CURRENTLY, THE CITY OF
23 LONG BEACH HAS FOUR ASSEMBLYMEMBERS SITTING ON A TOTAL OF
24 16 COMMITTEES, TWO SUBCOMMITTEES, FOUR SELECT COMMITTEES,
25 AND HOLD THREE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS AND ONE

1 SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP. THE NUMBER OF ASSEMBLYMEMBERS
2 AND THE DIVERSITY OF THEIR COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS ALLOWS
3 FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATION FOR A CITY WITH THE
4 FIFTH LARGEST POPULATION IN THE STATE.

5 THE CITY OF LONG BEACH BELIEVES THAT THE
6 CURRENT DISTRIBUTION OF ASSEMBLYMEMBERS WITHIN OUR CITY
7 BOUNDARIES RESULTS IN EXCELLENT REPRESENTATION FOR OUR
8 CONSTITUENTS. WE ASK THE COMMITTEE THAT ANY CHANGES BEING
9 CONSIDERED TO OUR REPRESENTATION BE CAREFULLY WEIGHED
10 AGAINST THE VALUE WE PRESENTLY DERIVE FROM THE CURRENT
11 ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE STRUCTURE WITHIN OUR CITY. THANK
12 YOU.

13 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE
14 APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME HERE.

15 THE NEXT WITNESS I HAVE IS MR. ROSS ROMERO.
16 FOLLOWING MR. ROMERO, WE HAVE ART CASTILLO. AND FOLLOWING
17 HIM, A MR. JACQUES. EXCUSE ME IF I'M MISPRONOUNCING IT.
18 THAT'S MY LAST WITNESSES, UNLESS THERE ARE SOME OTHER
19 FORMS HERE THAT I'M UNAWARE OF. SIR, YOU HAVE THE
20 MIC.

21 MR. ROMERO: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ROSS
22 ROMERO. I'M A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST HERE IN ORANGE COUNTY,
23 COMMUNITY MEMBER. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL
24 FOR THE HONOR OF HAVING YOU HERE AND HAVING THESE HEARINGS
25 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. I MEAN,

1 THIS IS HOW IT WORKS. THIS IS DEMOCRACY AT ITS BEST AND
2 THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A PUBLIC OPEN FORUM.

3 I'D LIKE TO START OFF BY SAYING THAT RECENTLY
4 HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WE HAD A VERY INTERESTING
5 EVENT, AND THAT WAS THE RACE FOR THE MAYORSHIP, AND I'D
6 LIKE TO PREFACE MY TALK WITH THAT BECAUSE IT MAY NOT BE
7 TOTALLY PERTINENT TO THIS ISSUE, BUT IT WAS VERY
8 INTERESTING IN THE SENSE OF WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT RACE.

9 YOU KNOW, AS A YOUNG MAN, AS A YOUNG MEXICAN
10 ANCESTRY INDUSTRY, I KNOW MY FATHER AND A LOT OF US, WE
11 ALWAYS HAD A COMMENT THAT LOS ANGELES IS THE SECOND -- HAS
12 THE SECOND BIGGEST MEXICAN POPULATION NEXT TO MEXICO
13 CITY. AND WE'VE SAID THAT FOR MANY YEARS. IT'S NOT A NEW
14 PHENOMENON. AND IT'S KIND OF INTERESTING, WELL,
15 UNFORTUNATELY, THE LATINO CANDIDATE DIDN'T WIN. BUT WE
16 DID HAVE A VERY GOOD CANDIDATE THAT WAS ABLE TO TAKE
17 OFFICE.

18 BUT I RAISE THAT ELECTION BECAUSE I HAVE TO
19 SAY IN ALL EARNEST THAT IT SHOWS, EXHIBITS THAT, YES, IN
20 FACT IN THIS SOCIETY IN CALIFORNIA, WE STILL DO HAVE SOME
21 SECOND THOUGHTS. I WOULD SAY THAT THE VOTER POPULATION,
22 WHEN IT COMES TO LATINO, MINORITY, THIRD WORLD CANDIDATES,
23 THAT THERE IS IN FACT SKEPTICISM AND PERHAPS NOT A TOTAL
24 SUPPORT OR TOTAL WILLINGNESS TO VOTE FOR THAT CANDIDATE.
25 LET'S BE FRANK. LET'S BE UP FRONT.

1 YOU KNOW, WE HAVE NOT COME TO THAT POINT YET,
2 AND I THINK THAT THAT ELECTION WAS AN INDICATOR OF THAT.
3 YOU KNOW, I HATE TO SAY IT, AND I HATE TO GO TOO FAR INTO
4 THAT. BUT I REALLY DO.

5 AND, YOU KNOW, THERE IS A CREDIBILITY GAP.
6 AND WHAT I'M LEADING TO IS THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT IS VERY
7 IMPORTANT WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING DISTRICTS BECAUSE THESE
8 DISTRICTS THAT YOU'RE DRAWING, YOU KNOW, THE WHOLE IDEA,
9 AGAIN, OF DEMOCRACY IS TO HAVE THE REPRESENTATION OF THE
10 PEOPLE. THE 69TH DISTRICT WAS DRAWN, AND BY THE WAY IT
11 HAD BEEN DRAWN UP, WE WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH HAVING A
12 VERY FINE LATINO REPRESENTATIVE IN THE WAY OF LOU CORREA.
13 THAT SHOWS THE TYPE OF THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU
14 HAVE SOMEBODY THAT IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITY.

15 LET ME SAY THIS. I'M NOT TRYING TO SAY THAT
16 IF YOU HAVE A LATINO -- YOU SHOULD HAVE A LATINO DISTRICT
17 OR A CERTAIN ETHNIC GROUP DISTRICT AND THAT YOU SHOULD
18 HAVE A LATINO REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT DISTRICT. I THINK
19 WHAT I'M LEANING TO IS THIS: THAT YOU HAVE THE
20 OPPORTUNITY THAT THAT CANDIDATE HAS A FAIR PLAYING FIELD
21 TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT AND TO REPRESENT HIS
22 COMMUNITY.

23 AND AS A LATINO COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, THAT IS
24 IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE IN ORANGE COUNTY, WE HAVE -- THE
25 CURRENT FIGURES THAT ARE COMING OUT FROM THE CENSUS ARE

1 THAT WE HAVE 800,000 LATINOS LIVING IN ORANGE COUNTY,
2 WHICH MAKES IT THE SECOND LARGEST LATINO POPULATION IN THE
3 STATE AND THE FIFTH IN THE NATION.

4 SO AS A LATINO COMMUNITY ACTIVIST IN THIS
5 COUNTY, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND I THINK -- I KNOW WE
6 ALL HAVE TO GO TO LUNCH HERE. I DON'T WANT TO GO TOO LONG
7 FOR YOU GUYS. I THINK, IF ANYTHING I CAN SAY, WHAT I
8 WOULD LIKE TO SEE -- THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF MAPS DRAWN
9 HERE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE INTEGRITY OF THE 69TH, THAT
10 THAT IS IN FACT MAINTAINED.

11 YOU KNOW, AGAIN, WE HAVE A VERY SUBSTANTIAL
12 LATINO POPULATION. AND, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SOME GOOD
13 REPRESENTATION THAT IS COMING OUT OF THAT DISTRICT THAT IS
14 REFLECTIVE OF THE CITIES AND THE ETHNIC MAKEUP OF THAT
15 CITY.

16 AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT I THINK WE'RE
17 AT AN OPPORTUNITY NOW TO DO SOMETHING WITH THE 68TH. THE
18 68TH, REALLY, IF YOU LOOK AT IT -- I'M ON THE BOARD OF
19 ORANGE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING. I'VE BEEN ON THE BOARD FOR
20 TEN YEARS. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT RIGHT NOW THE WEST
21 ANAHEIM, NORTH ORANGE COUNTY AREA IS PERHAPS ONE OF THE
22 AREAS OF MOST TRANSITION OF THIS COUNTY. I KNOW THAT BY
23 VIRTUE OF SOME OF THE COMPLAINTS, IF YOU WILL, THAT WE
24 GET, AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT BOARD REGARDING HOUSING
25 DISCRIMINATION.

1 AND THIS KIND OF HAPPENED IN -- THIS HAS BEEN
2 HAPPENING SINCE ABOUT '93. YOU KNOW, I'VE LIVED IN THIS
3 COUNTY 30 YEARS, AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT IN '93, AFTER THE
4 RIOTS, YOU KNOW, IT WAS IMMEDIATE. IT WAS IMMEDIATE THAT
5 WE -- THAT THAT NEIGHBORHOOD BECAME A NEIGHBORHOOD OF
6 TRANSITION, THAT WE BEGAN TO HAVE AFRICAN AMERICANS, WE
7 BEGAN TO HAVE LATINOS FROM THE LOS ANGELES AREAS WHO BEGAN
8 TO MOVE IN. AND THAT'S A GOOD THING, YOU KNOW. WE NEED
9 TO HAVE MULTI-ETHNICITY, DIVERSITY, AND THOSE PEOPLE IN
10 THOSE AREAS ARE JUST AS ENTITLED TO LIVE HERE. AND I'M
11 SURE FOR WHATEVER REASONS, THEY FEEL IT'S A BETTER CHANCE
12 FOR THEM TO MAKE THAT MOVE.

13 BUT I RAISE THAT BECAUSE, AGAIN, THAT AREA OF
14 THE COUNTY, THE NORTH ORANGE COUNTY, IS ONE THAT'S GOING
15 THROUGH DIVERSITY. AND WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY NOT ONLY TO
16 MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE 69TH, BUT ALSO TO DRAW
17 SOMETHING THAT CAN BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT AREA OF THE
18 COUNTY WHICH HAS BECOME VERY MULTI-ETHNIC, WORKING CLASS,
19 YOU KNOW, BASICALLY WORKING CLASS AREA AND TO GET SOME
20 PROPER REPRESENTATION FOR THAT AREA AS WELL.

21 UNFORTUNATELY, I DID SEE THE MAP OF LULAC,
22 AND I HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF DIFFERENCE WITH WHAT THEY
23 PROPOSED. AS AN ANAHEIM REALTOR FOR 12 YEARS, I DON'T
24 LIKE THE FACT THAT THEY CUT THE CITY IN HALF, AND ALSO IN
25 DOING SO, TOOK OUT A VERY SUBSTANTIAL -- FOR THE 68TH --

1 PUT A VERY SUBSTANTIAL LATINO POPULATION INTO THE 67TH.
2 BECAUSE THAT IS THE CENTER OF ANAHEIM IS -- THEY HAVE CUT
3 DOWN THE FREEWAY. AND I'M AT ODDS WITH WHAT THEY HAVE
4 PROPOSED TO YOU TODAY. AND I CAN SAY THAT, AS I SAID, AS
5 A LONGSTANDING MEMBER OF THE ANAHEIM COMMUNITY -- AND I
6 THINK IF ANYBODY ELSE WAS FROM ANAHEIM, THEY WOULD
7 PROBABLY TELL YOU THE SAME THING, BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE HAVE
8 THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE 68TH A DISTRICT THAT'S
9 REFLECTIVE OF WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE. AFRICAN
10 AMERICANS, CENTRAL AMERICANS, BELIEVE IT OR NOT. WE HAVE
11 A VERY SUBSTANTIAL CENTRAL AMERICAN POPULATION, ASIAN
12 POPULATION. AND WHAT'S BEEN PROPOSED ON THAT PARTICULAR
13 MAP, I FEEL IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THAT.
14 SO THAT'S ABOUT WHAT I HAVE TODAY. I ONCE
15 AGAIN WANT TO THANK YOU AND, AGAIN, IT'S A GREAT
16 OPPORTUNITY. I THINK IN THOSE TWO PARTICULAR AREAS IF WE
17 CAN TRY TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING AND GET, AGAIN, WHAT WE'RE
18 ALL HERE FOR, AND THAT IS PROPER REPRESENTATION AND
19 DEMOCRACY. THANK YOU.
20 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
21 MR. ROMERO. WERE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? OKAY. THANK YOU
22 AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME.
23 MR. ROMERO: THANK YOU.
24 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: I HAVE NEXT MR. ART
25 CASTILLO. AND MR. CASTILLO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY -- I HAD

1 SAID EARLIER BY MR. JACQUES. BUT I SEE HE HAS WRITTEN ON
2 THE NOTE HE WOULD LIKE TO GO LAST. SO WE SUBSEQUENTLY HAD
3 A NOTE FROM MRS. CHERYL OBAISH-WILLIAMS. SO, MS.
4 WILLIAMS, YOU'LL BE UP RIGHT AFTER MR. CASTILLO. MR.
5 CASTILLO, YOU HAVE THE MIC.

6 MR. CASTILLO: GOOD AFTERNOON. DO I HAVE TO
7 STATE MY ADDRESS OR ANYTHING. I'M A FOURTH GENERATION
8 ORANGE COUNTY PERSON AND 28 YEARS AS AN ACTIVIST IN THIS
9 COMMUNITY. I WAS HERE FOR ANOTHER REASON. I WAS HERE FOR
10 SOME OF THE HISPANIC VENDORS IN THE AREA OF ORANGE COUNTY,
11 BUT SANTA ANA, PARTICULARLY, TO THAT. I WAS HERE, AND I
12 JUST CAUGHT NOTICE OF THE SIGN OUT IN THE HALL. SO I'M
13 NOT TOO FAMILIAR WITH WHAT ALL IS GOING ON, EXCEPT THAT
14 BEING A LITTLE BIT INFORMED OUTSIDE ABOUT THE
15 REDISTRICTING.

16 BUT I OPPOSE IT FOR THE ONLY REASON THAT AS
17 AN ACTIVIST, SEPARATION AND SEPARATING, MORE AND MORE, IS
18 TO, ME, DIFFICULT. THE JOB EVERYBODY HAS BEEN DOING SO
19 FAR IS A GOOD JOB. AND AS A LATINO REPRESENTOR TO THE
20 COMMUNITY, OTHER THAN ANAHEIM, ORANGE COUNTY, THE AREAS,
21 I'D LIKE TO JUST ADDRESS THAT A LOT OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
22 ON THE BOARDS ARE DOING A FINE JOB.

23 THE POINT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT MAYBE
24 SPLITTING UP MORE AND THEN PEOPLE COMING AS -- I'M A GRASS
25 ROOTS PERSON. I'M NOT REALLY INTO THE TECHNICAL PARTS OF

1 WHAT YOUR JOBS ARE DOING OR WHAT REALLY IS GOING ON. I'M
2 IN THE STREETS, WORKING WITH THE PEOPLE AND THE
3 FRUSTRATIONS THAT ARE THERE, HAPPENING AS NOW AND TODAY.
4 SO I JUST CAME TO BRIEFLY SPEAK ABOUT JUST THAT IF YOU
5 SPLIT THE DISTRICTS UP MORE -- I MEAN, TO ME, I'VE ALREADY
6 SEEN IN THE NEWSPAPERS, TRYING TO REDISTRIBUTE SOME AREA AND
7 THEN NOT. IT JUST SEEMS TO ME MORE BUREAUCRACY TO DOING
8 THESE KIND OF CHANGES AND JUST LEAVING IT AS IT IS AND
9 EVEN ANAHEIM, WE'D LIKE TO LEAVE IT AS ANAHEIM, AS AN
10 ANAHEIM RESIDENT. BUT IT JUST SEEMS TO ME THAT WHAT I
11 WORK WITH IN THE COMMUNITIES WHICH ARE GOING TO BE
12 CHANGING, YOU KNOW, I ALREADY SEE A DIFFICULT TIME ALREADY
13 WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AREAS THAT ARE GOING TO BE TAKING
14 PLACE. SO BASICALLY I JUST CAME BRIEFLY JUST TO
15 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I DO REPRESENT A LOT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE
16 COMMUNITY, AND OF ALL THESE -- I GO TO ALMOST THE
17 ORGANIZATIONS, OR ARE A MEMBER OF A LOT OF THE
18 ORGANIZATIONS AND VERY ACTIVE. SO I JUST KNOW THAT I CAN
19 SPEAK ON BEHALF OF A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW
20 THIS IS HAPPENING OR WHAT'S GOING ON. AND THERE ARE
21 PROBABLY A LOT OF OPPOSES, AS THERE IS TO APPROVE IT. BUT
22 I GIVE YOU MY VOICE TO THE PEOPLE THAT I SPEAK FOR. I
23 WILL LET YOU KNOW THAT I JUST OPPOSE IT, AND THAT'S
24 PROBABLY BASICALLY IT. IF ANYTHING, I WOULD LIKE TO BE
25 CONTACTED. I DID PUT ON THE FORM TO BE CONTACTED WITH

1 MORE INFORMATION.

2 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU. IF I CAN
3 JUST ASK A REAL QUICK QUESTION. I WANT TO JUST MAKE SURE
4 I UNDERSTOOD CORRECTLY, MR. CASTILLO. YOU SAY YOU OPPOSE
5 IT, YOU'RE SAYING YOU OPPOSE REDRAWING LINES?

6 MR. CASTILLO: YES.

7 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: OKAY. PURELY FOR YOUR
8 INFORMATION, JUST TO ALERT YOU, WE JUST WANT YOU TO
9 UNDERSTAND THAT THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION REQUIRES THAT
10 EVERY TEN YEARS THE LINES HAVE TO BE REDRAWN. THE
11 QUESTION THAT IS GOING TO BE BEFORE US IS NOT WHETHER TO
12 REDRAW IT, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO BY LAW. IT MUST BE DONE.
13 IT'S A QUESTION OF WHERE THE LINES ARE DRAWN. THE PURPOSE
14 OF TODAY'S HEARING IS TO TRY TO GET INFORMATION FROM
15 PEOPLE ON WHERE THEY MIGHT PREFER THAT THE LINES BE
16 DRAWN. SO LET ME TELL YOU THAT WE DO HAVE THE INFORMATION
17 THAT YOU PROVIDED, AND WE WILL ADD YOU TO OUR LIST.

18 AND IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS LATER
19 ON WHERE YOU THINK THE LINES MIGHT BE DRAWN, WE NOTE THAT
20 WE WILL BE ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL INPUT UP UNTIL
21 AUGUST 15TH, INCLUDING COMPLETE PLANS. SO WE WELCOME ANY
22 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

23 MR. CASTILLO: THANK YOU ON THAT. REAL
24 QUICK, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT, YES, WE WOULD -- I COULD
25 REPRESENT A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WOULD PUT THEIR INPUT IN IT

1 OF SAYING IF YOU ARE GOING TO DO IT, WE WOULD BE A PART OF
2 IT.

3 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I
4 APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE.
5 I WOULD, BY THE WAY, NOTE FOR ANYONE WHO IS POSSIBLY
6 SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL PLANS AND TESTIMONY -- AND I SAY
7 THIS AS MS. WILLIAMS APPROACHES -- EXCUSE ME.
8 MS. OBAISH-WILLIAMS. AND, PLEASE, EXCUSE ME IF I'M
9 BUTCHERING YOUR NAME.

10 I WOULD JUST NOTE THAT ANYONE WHO DOES HAVE
11 ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY OR MAPS THAT THEY WOULD WANT TO
12 SUBMIT, I WOULD URGE YOU TO GET THEM IN THE SOONER THE
13 BETTER. AS WE WILL, THIS IS THE LAST HEARING THAT'S BEING
14 HELD IN THE FIELD TODAY, BY THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE. SO I
15 WOULD EXPECT WE'LL START PLOWING INTO ALL THE TESTIMONY
16 WE'VE HEARD VERY -- IMMEDIATELY, REALLY. AND WE WILL BE
17 ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS PEOPLE MAKE OR TESTIMONY
18 THEY PROVIDE US, BY MAIL OR AT THE EMAIL SITE. BUT,
19 OBVIOUSLY, THE CLOSER IT GETS TO THE 15TH OF AUGUST, THE
20 TOUGHER IT GETS TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE LARGE VOLUMES OF
21 TESTIMONY BECAUSE WE WANT TO, AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED BY MR.
22 LEONARD AND BY SOME OTHER INDIVIDUALS, WE'D LIKE TO
23 PROVIDE OUR TENTATIVE MAPS, WHATEVER WE PRODUCE OUT OF
24 THIS PROCESS, AS RAPIDLY AFTER AUGUST 15TH AS POSSIBLE SO
25 THAT PEOPLE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACT TO THEM AND GIVE

1 US OUR FEEDBACK. SO THE EARLIER PEOPLE GET IN THEIR
2 TESTIMONY, THE QUICKER AFTER AUGUST 15TH WE CAN RELEASE
3 OUR TENTATIVE MAPS FOR PEOPLE TO REACT.

4 WITH THAT, MS. WILLIAMS, THANK YOU.

5 MS. OBAISH-WILLIAMS: MY NAME IS CHERYL
6 OBAISH-WILLIAMS, AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR
7 FINDING MY BRACELET. I AM THE RECIPIENT OF THE BRACELET.

8 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: AND CAN YOU SPELL YOUR
9 NAME, BY THE WAY.

10 MS. OBAISH-WILLIAMS: O-B-A-I-S-H DASH
11 WILLIAMS.

12 I LIVE IN THE L.A. AREA, AND I WORK IN ORANGE
13 COUNTY. I REPRESENT NURSES WHO WORK IN THE ORANGE COUNTY
14 AREA. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY IN YOUR REDISTRICTING
15 THAT YOU KEEP COMMUNITIES AS WHOLE AS POSSIBLE.

16 I KNOW EVERYBODY IS NOT GOING TO BE
17 SATISFIED WITH THE WAY YOU DRAW THE LINES, BUT IF AT ALL
18 POSSIBLE, KEEP THE LINES AS POSSIBLE -- AS MUCH POSSIBLE,
19 WHOLE. I'M A VOTING CITIZEN, AND I VOTE IN THE
20 LOS ANGELES AREA, BUT I SPEND THE MAJORITY OF MY TIME IN
21 ORANGE COUNTY. I'M A REGISTERED NURSE, AND I WORK AT
22 FOUNTAIN VALLEY HOSPITAL, FOUNTAIN VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL
23 CENTER IN ORANGE COUNTY. SO I SPEND QUITE A BIT OF MY
24 TIME IN THIS AREA.

25 AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

1 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
2 TAKING THE TIME TO JOIN US THIS AFTERNOON AS WELL.

3 BY THE WAY, I'LL REMIND PEOPLE THAT WE
4 APPARENTLY HAVE THE ABILITY UP AT THE FRONT TABLE TO
5 VALIDATE PARKING IF SOMEONE PARKED IN THE CIVIC CENTER
6 PARKING LOT. SO ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN THAT IN THE
7 LOBBY AREA THERE, WE CAN VALIDATE YOUR PARKING.

8 WITH THAT, MY LAST WITNESS, I BELIEVE, UNLESS
9 THERE'S SOMEONE HERE THAT I'M UNAWARE OF, IS MR. -- EXCUSE
10 ME. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S MR. OR MS. I HAVE A, LAST NAME
11 JACQUES. EXCUSE ME. IT IS MISTER. J-A-C-Q-U-E-S.

12 MR. JACQUES: OBVIOUSLY, I AM A MALE.

13 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: EXCUSE ME, SIR. YOU
14 ARE THE --

15 MR. JACQUES: I'M JUST KIDDING.

16 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT.
17 YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON, I BELIEVE. I JUST WANT TO
18 DOUBLE-CHECK. IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE? OKAY. YOU'RE UP,
19 SIR, AND YOU'RE IT.

20 MR. JACQUES: ALL RIGHT. THE NAME IS
21 JACQUES. YOU KNOW, JACQUES COSTEAU, THAT KIND OF THING.
22 I'M NOT HERE TO CRITICIZE YOU IN THE POLITICAL SENSE. I'M
23 HERE TO CRITICIZE YOU IF YOU DO GO AND KISS UP TO THESE
24 MINORITIES. YES, I'M A MINORITY, IF YOU WANT TO CALL IT
25 THAT. BUT I'M A SUPER MAJORITY, BECAUSE I AM AMERICAN. A

1 BORN AGAIN AMERICAN THAT JUST HAPPENS TO BE LATINO. I
2 HAPPEN TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE THEORY THAT ALL U.S. CITIZENS
3 ARE AMERICANS. NOT THIS WHINING, GREEDY PEOPLE THAT WANT
4 TO HAVE A HOME BASE SO THEY CAN CONTROL THE GOVERNMENT.
5 I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THIS THREATENING: I'M GOING TO
6 SUE. THEY TALK ABOUT THE VOTING RIGHTS. ALL RIGHT. THE
7 VOTING RIGHT MERELY SAYS YOU WILL NOT JERIMANDER TO TAKE
8 AWAY FROM THE MINORITY, BUT IN THAT SENSE, IT ALSO SAYS
9 YOU WILL NOT GIVE THEM ANYTHING. VOTE AMERICAN.
10 REDISTRICT AMERICAN. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

11 I'M NOT GOING TO COME HERE AND TELL YOU LOOK
12 AT ME. I'M SO GREAT. I'M A MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION
13 AND ALL THIS KIND OF THING. I COULDN'T CARE LESS WHERE
14 YOU COME FROM. I HAVE ORGANIZATIONS BEHIND ME. I HAVE
15 ORGANIZATIONS HELPING ME. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YOU
16 ABOUT IT BECAUSE I WORK ALONE. I'M INDEPENDENT. AND I
17 URGE YOU TO CONSIDER WHAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP. YES, THE
18 BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY MUST BE TAKEN CARE OF OR YOU KEEP A
19 CITY WHOLE, BUT I ALSO SAY KEEP A COUNTY WHOLE. DON'T
20 KEEP CROSSING ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS OR SENATE DISTRICTS.
21 IT'S A PAIN IN THE BUTT WHEN YOU HAVE TO MAKE A REPORT IF
22 YOU'RE INVOLVED IN ANY OF THOSE THINGS.

23 NOW, OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE SOME THAT YOU ARE
24 GOING TO HAVE TO SPLIT. AND I'M TALKING ABOUT CITIES.
25 THE TOPOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, AND, OF

1 COURSE, IN TODAY'S WORLD A FREEWAY IS A BOUNDARY, WHETHER
2 YOU LIKE IT OR NOT. AND IF IT DIVIDES A CITY, WELL, SO BE
3 IT. BUT KEEP IT SIMPLE. KEEP IT WHERE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND
4 IT AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO HASSLE TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
5 DISTRICT THEY BELONG TO, BECAUSE WHEN THEY START DOING
6 THAT, THEY'RE VERY EASILY PERSUADED TO JUST FORGET IT AND
7 NOT GET INVOLVED IN THE VOTING PROCESS.

8 I SPENT 30 YEARS OR OVER 30 YEARS WATCHING
9 THE POLITICAL SHENANIGANS THAT GO ON, AND I'VE BEEN
10 INVOLVED. I'VE TALKED TO MANY POLITICALS. I EVEN TALKED
11 TO MR. JONES SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE PHONE IN REGARDS TO
12 THE ELECTION CODES AND THAT KIND OF THING. BUT THE THING
13 IS I'M A COMMITTEE OF ONE, AND I'M TELLING YOU GET OFF
14 THAT GARBAGE OF KISSING UP TO EVERY SINGLE MINORITY. IF
15 THEY ARE AMERICAN, THEN THAT'S IT. THIS IS A MELTING POT,
16 SUPPOSEDLY. WELL, I'M TELLING YOU, THIS MELTING POT UNDER
17 THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE HERE, IT'S HAVING A MELT DOWN.

18 SO, PLEASE, CONSIDER AMERICANS, PERIOD.

19 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU. THANK YOU
20 VERY MUCH, SIR, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME HERE AND JOIN
21 US TODAY.

22 AT THIS TIME, HAVING HEARD THE TESTIMONY
23 OFFERED BY EVERYONE WHO HAS STEPPED FORWARD OR WHO HAS
24 INDICATED A DESIRE TO SPEAK, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE
25 COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE,

1 ESPECIALLY MS. DAUCHER. I APPRECIATE YOUR STAYING
2 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE HEARING. MR. LEONARD WHO HAS SAT
3 THROUGH SEVERAL OF THESE HEARINGS IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.
4 I WANT TO THANK THE SPEAKERS OFFICE OF MEMBER SERVICES
5 WHICH HAS PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR THE HEARINGS. I WANT TO
6 THANK THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THOSE WHO TOOK THE TIME AND
7 INTEREST TO COME HERE AND LISTEN AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO
8 TOOK THE TIME TO TESTIFY AND HELP US IDENTIFY WHAT
9 COMMUNITY OF INTEREST BOUNDARIES WE NEED TO BE AWARE OF
10 THAT WE MIGHT NOT HAVE OTHERWISE RECOGNIZED AND HOW
11 RELATIVELY IMPORTANT DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST ARE
12 IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE. WE APPRECIATE
13 ALL OF THAT AT NOT ONLY THIS HEARING BUT AT THE WHOLE
14 SERIES OF HEARINGS.

15 THIS IS THE LAST OF THE SERIES OF EIGHT
16 HEARINGS WE'VE HELD FOR REGIONAL LOCATIONS. AS I
17 MENTIONED, WE STILL WILL HAVE A HEARING IN SACRAMENTO
18 PROBABLY STRETCHING OVER AT LEAST A COUPLE OF DAYS, ONCE
19 WE'VE RELEASED TENTATIVE MAPS, TO GET PEOPLE'S REACTIONS
20 TO THOSE SO THAT WE CAN ADDITIONALLY TWEAK WHATEVER WORK
21 PRODUCT WE MAY DEVELOP INITIALLY TO TRY AND MAKE SURE
22 WE'RE BEING AS RESPONSIVE AS WE POSSIBLY CAN TO THE
23 INTERESTS PEOPLE HAVE INDICATED.

24 I WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO WERE INVOLVED
25 THROUGHOUT THESE HEARINGS, BERTA JOHNSON-DAVIS AND PAT

1 REDDY FOR MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE INVITED SO MANY PEOPLE
2 TO COME AND BE ABLE TO TESTIFY. WE WANT TO THANK THE
3 PEOPLE WHO HANDLED OUTREACH LOGISTICS AND STAFFING THE
4 HEARINGS, ERIC HEREFORD, HERB WESSON III, MARK PULIDO,
5 JULIO RAMERIZ, AND LARRY SOKOL. WE WANT TO THANK LYNNETTE
6 GRADY FOR PREPARING THE SIGNS TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE COULD
7 FIND THE HEARINGS. LYNN MONTGOMERY WHO COORDINATED
8 VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING. BOB PENCE, NUMBER ONE ASSISTANT.
9 WILL SKAARUP, WHO GAVE HIS HEART, LITERALLY. I MIGHT FOR
10 THE BENEFIT OF THOSE, THE BULK OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T
11 KNOW THIS, WILL SKAARUP IS A STAFFER WHO HAD I THINK WAS
12 IT A FIVE OR SIX BYPASS SURGERY IN THE MIDDLE OF THESE
13 HEARINGS. I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THAT STRESSFUL, BUT, YOU
14 KNOW, IT SEEMS TO HAVE AFFECTED MR. SKAARUP. AND WE KNOW
15 HE'S RECOVERING. KAM KUWATA, WHO HANDLED PRESS. THE
16 COMMITTEE STAFF, MR. WILL GUERRERO, NIKKI ZUPANIC, ETHAN
17 JONES, AND PATRICIA MURPHY, WHO IS NOT HERE AT THE MOMENT.

18 I WANT TO THANK THE LEGAL COUNSEL, JOE REMCHO
19 AND KATHLEEN PURCELL AND JEANIE PRITCHARD AND MIGUEL
20 MARQUEZ. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR MANY COURT REPORTERS
21 WHO HAVE BEEN AT ALL THE VARIOUS HEARINGS. AND I DON'T
22 HAVE ALL THE NAMES, BUT LET ME JUST REAL QUICK NOTE -- I
23 DON'T HAVE THE NAMES. I APOLOGIZE. I WANT TO THANK ALL
24 THE COURT REPORTERS FOR YOUR FINE WORK, AND I HOPE YOUR
25 FINGERS COOL DOWN THIS SUMMER SOMETIME.

1 I WANT TO THANK THE SERGEANTS FOR THE
2 ASSEMBLY WHO HAVE ALSO PROVIDED US WITH ADDITIONAL
3 STAFFING TO ENSURE THAT EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTHLY.

4 BUT, MOST OF ALL, AGAIN, I REPEAT I WANT TO
5 THANK YOU IN THE AUDIENCE AND THOSE OF YOU WHO TESTIFIED.
6 MANY PEOPLE TELL YOU THE GENERIC STATEMENT YOU CAN'T FIGHT
7 CITY HALL, YOU CAN'T -- USING CITY HALL AS A METAPHOR FOR
8 ALL GOVERNMENT. YOU CAN'T HAVE A BIG INFLUENCE ON
9 GOVERNMENT. THE REALITY IS THERE IS NOTHING, VIRTUALLY
10 NOTHING I CAN THINK OF THAT HAS A GREATER IMPACT ON THE
11 POLITICAL AND CIVIC LIFE OF THIS STATE OVER THE NEXT
12 DECADE THAN WHERE THE LINES WILL BE DRAWN FOR DISTRICTS.
13 WE HAVE HAD EIGHT HEARINGS AROUND THE STATE. THOSE OF YOU
14 WHO TOOK THE TIME AND TROUBLE TO COME HERE AT THESE
15 HEARINGS AND GIVE US INPUT WILL HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF
16 INFLUENCE.

17 WE HAVE TO BALANCE ALL OF THE VARIOUS
18 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST THAT PEOPLE HAVE TOLD US ABOUT,
19 BUT BECAUSE YOU TOOK THE TIME AND TROUBLE TO TELL US OF
20 YOUR CONCERNS, WE CAN TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT. THOSE
21 PEOPLE WHO HAVE UNFORTUNATELY BEEN PERSUADED BY CYNICAL
22 VOICES THAT THEY CAN'T HAVE AN IMPACT DIDN'T BOTHER TO
23 SHOW UP AND SO THEY WON'T HAVE AN IMPACT. YOU DID AND YOU
24 WILL AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME AND TROUBLE.

25 AND WITH THAT, MR. LEONARD.

1 MR. LEONARD: MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT JOIN WITH
2 YOU IN THAT LIST OF THINGS AND APPRECIATION TO THE
3 PUBLIC. I AGREE WITH YOU. THE WITNESSES OVER THE SIX OF
4 THE EIGHT HEARINGS I HAVE ATTENDED HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING
5 IN THEIR TESTIMONY AND THEIR EXPLANATIONS FOR US OF
6 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST.

7 I WANT TO ADD TO YOUR LIST OF THANK YOUS THE
8 ASSEMBLY REPUBLICAN CAUCUS STAFF, MATT REXRODE WHO IS HERE
9 WITH US TODAY, DOUG YOAKUM, AND STEVE HASKINS, WHO ARE ALL
10 AVAILABLE, AS ARE ALL OF OUR STAFF TO THE PUBLIC TO
11 PROVIDE INFORMATION AND TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AS WE GO
12 FORWARD INTO THE NEXT STEP, WHICH WILL BE EVEN MORE
13 STRESSFUL. SO THOSE THAT HAVE HEART PROBLEMS, GET READY.

14 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU. THANK YOU
15 AGAIN, ASSEMBLYMEMBER LEONARD. WE APPRECIATE ALL OF
16 YOU, AND WITH THAT, THIS HEARING IS ADJOURNED. THANK
17 YOU.

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19 (WHEREUPON THE PROCEEDINGS WERE ADJOURNED.)

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1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
2) SS.
3 COUNTY OF ORANGE)
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5 I, LINDA HOGUE, C.S.R. NO. 8746, DO HEREBY
6 CERTIFY:

7 THAT THE FOREGOING PROCEEDING WAS TAKEN BEFORE
8 ME AT THE TIME AND PLACE THEREIN SET FORTH;

9 THAT THE TESTIMONY OF ALL WITNESSES AND ALL
10 STATEMENTS MADE AT THE TIME OF THE PROCEEDING WERE
11 RECORDED STENOGRAPHICALLY BY ME, WERE THEREAFTER
12 TRANSCRIBED UNDER MY DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION AND THAT
13 THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE RECORD OF SAME.

14 I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM NEITHER COUNSEL
15 FOR NOR RELATED TO ANY PARTY TO SAID PROCEEDING, NOR IN
16 ANY WAY INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME THEREOF.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE SUBSCRIBED MY NAME
18 THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2001.

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LINDA HOGUE, C.S.R. NO. 8746

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1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
2) SS.
3 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)
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5 I, MARGARET A. SMITH, C.S.R. NO 9733, DO
6 HEREBY CERTIFY:

7 THAT THE FOREGOING PROCEEDING WAS TAKEN
8 BEFORE ME AT THE TIME AND PLACE THEREIN SET FORTH;

9 THAT THE TESTIMONY OF ALL WITNESSES AND ALL
10 STATEMENTS MADE AT THE TIME OF THE PROCEEDING WERE
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12 TRANSCRIBED UNDER MY DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION AND THE
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15 FOR NOR RELATED TO ANY PARTY TO SAID PROCEEDING, NOR IN
16 ANY WAY INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME THEREOF.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE SUBSCRIBED MY NAME
18 THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2001.

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